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NOTICE

The following is published by authority of the Treaty Power Consuls.

The Foreign Treaty Consuls, in pursuance of the respective provisions of Articles IX and VIA of the Land Regulations for the Foreign Settlement of Shanghai, hereby give notice that Wednesday and Thursday, April 12 and 13, 1939, are fixed upon for the election of Councillors and for the election, by registered owners of land in the Foreign Settlement, of a Land Commissioner for the Municipal Year 1939.

Nomination papers must be delivered to the Secretary, Shanghai Municipal Council, Adminstration Building, 209 Kiangse Road, not later than 12 o'clock, noon on Tuesday, April 4, 1939.

L. NEYRONE,
Consul-General for Italy and Senior Consul.

Shanghai, February 9, 1939.

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NOTIFICATION No. 5046

HOTEL, RESTAURANT, TAVERN AND BEER LICENCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Committee of the Council, sitting as a Licensing Committee, will hold session in the Council Chamber, Administration Building, 209 Kiangse Road, on Friday, March 17, at 4.30 p.m. to decide upon the number and locality of Hotels, Restaurants, Taverns and Beer-Sellers (for consumption on premises) to be licensed during the ensuing year.

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By order,
G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, February 9, 1939.

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NOTIFICATION No. 5047

FIRE CRACKERS

In pursuance of its duty to maintain the peace and good order of the Settlement, the Municipal Council hereby orders that until further notice the firing of crackers or fireworks of any description is forbidden.

Anyone contravening this order will be arrested.

By order,
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NOTIFICATION No. 5048

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G. GODFREY PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

COUNCIL CHAMBER,
Shanghai, February 9, 1939.

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SHANGHAI RACE CLUB

NOTICE

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10 Shanghai Camera Club, Meeting and Lecture, 330 Szechuen Road, 9
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Coming Events

FEBRUARY

11 Dinner Dance, Floorshow, C.S.F., 8.30
11 'Rigoletto,' with M. Speransky, Lyc.
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12 Municipal Orchestra, Symphony Concert, Lyceum, 5.15
13 Cradle Bridge/Mahjongg, Y.M.C.A., 3
13 Engineering Society Meeting, 5.45
14 A.W.C. book review tiffin, 12.30
14 Rangers' St. Valentine Supper Dance, A.W.C., 8.30
14 For. Y. Lecture: 'Shanghai Real Estate,' 9
15 French A.D.C., Three Comedies, Lyc., 9
16 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
16 Royal Asiatic Society Meeting
16 'Broker Fishl,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
16 For. Y. Debate: 'Shanghai and Newcomers,' 9
17 For. Y. 'Hour of Music,' 6
17 S'hai Dialect Club, For. Y., 6
17 French A.D.C., Three Comedies, Lyc., 9
17 United Services Association, 'Ladies' Night,' Cercle Sportif Francais, 9
18 L. Rosen's gala performance: 'The Mystery of a Harem,' L. Opera, Lyceum, 8.45
19 'The Mystery of a Harem,' L. Opera, Lyc., 8.45
21 A.W.C. programme of plays, 4.45
21 Union Church Men's Club, Dr. Miorini Lectures
21 For. Y. Lecture: 'World Youth,' 9
22 L. de Luca's opera: 'Willow,' Lyc., 9.15
23 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
23 Royal Society of St. George, Annual Meeting, Shanghai Club, 5.30
23 British Chartered Civil & Mechanical Engineers Dinner, Shanghai Club, 8
23 For. Y. Debate: 'Women Invading Realm of Men,' 9
23 L. de Luca's opera: 'Willow,' Lyc., 9.15
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24 International World's Day of Prayer service for women, Union Church, 3.30 and 5.30
25 L. de Luca's opera: 'Willow,' Lyc., 9.15
26 St. David's Society, Church Service, Union Church
26 'La Tosca,' with A. Valentinoff, Lyc.
27 B.U.S.C. 3rd Annual Dinner Dance
28 A.W.C. bridge and mahjongg, 3
28 For. Y. Lecture: 'Underway—to North Pole,' 9
28 Annual Dinner S.A.W.V. Society
28 Peking Soiree, 9.15

MARCH

1 St. David's Society Dinner, French Club, 8
1 'La Tosca,' with A. Valentinoff, Lyc.
2 B.W.A., S.S.B. Jumble Sale, 9.30 a.m.
2 Rotary Club, Metropole Hotel, 12.30
2 B.W.A. Bridge and Mahjongg, 3
2 For. Y. Debate: 'British Empire,' 9
2 Concert Community Church, 9.15
3 For. Y. Musical Programme, 6. Direction: Prof. ss. Aksakov
3 Masonic Ball, C.S.F., 9.30
7 For.Y. Lect.: 'Foundation Research,' 9
7 Shanghai Players in Monteverde's 'Orpheus,' Lyceum, 9.15
8 Shanghai Players in Monteverde's 'Orpheus,' Lyceum, 9.15
8 Purim Ball, French Club, 9.30
9 For Y. Debate: 'Pidgin English,' 9
9 Le Ballet Russe, gala premiere of the super-production of this season, 'Le Coq d'Or,' ballet in 3 acts, music by Rimsky-Korsakov, Lyceum Theatre, 9
10 Shanghai Club, Annual Meeting, 5.30
10 'Specials,' 5th Annual Ball, Ciro's, 9.15

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NOTICE

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By Order of the Stewards,
A. W. OLSEN,
Secretary,
SHANGHAI RACE CLUB.

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ANNUAL RACE MEETING

February 21, 1939

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"Export or Die": Germany and China Markets

To the Editor of the
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SIR,—"Export or die". Doesn't that sound fanciful or serious—logical or contradictory? There may be a time when communists—professional or by faith—respond to that assertion and quote it for a slogan.

It sounds to me as one of the many fallacies of man who alone of course, neither God nor Nature—is responsible for this so troublesome world as we now suffer. "Export or die". What does it mean? Herr Hitler does not define it. Lord Halifax assumes that it is understood everywhere in Great Britain and in Germany. What is Signor Mussolini going to say about it? How does a Japanese understand it? An American? A French? A Russian? A Chinese?

It may mean, first, that export must continue or else those who are engaged in the business become unemployed, starved and then gradually die. That may become a symptom of disease in a nation. And the disease may spread. Unless and until the disease is cured—and prevented, that nation may become very sick or even die out. For example, the depression which does not seem to have ended in the Anglo-Saxon countries is a result of the upset in export.

Secondly it may mean that export must continue in order to enable payment of external debts or else insolvency, bankruptcy, destitution may follow and death can easily surpass life. Herr Hitler may point to Turkey, India, and China of the old time as examples even though there can be no fair example of that sort in history.

External debts may result from war, especially in the form of indemnity and on account of war materials. They may result from imports especially of raw materials and of "luxuries". They may result from loans either productive or unproductive. The first are called war debts, the second, trade debts, while the last, finance debts. Any one class of these debts exceeding "the capacity to pay" back is bad enough for a nation. Germany bears debts of all the three classes, as China does. Implicitly or explicitly, Herr Hitler on behalf of Germany repudiates all the war debts and "suspends" the finance debts, but he is not quite sure of what can be done with the trade debts. As one who admires the German nation, I am rather concerned with his anxiety.

Thirdly, "export or die" may mean that export must expand or else one "essential" factor of imperialism may become feebly ineffective. There arises a vicious circle of thought: imperialism prompts export and export promotes imperialism. Those who clamour for glory, supremacy or "equality" and "security", believe in some imperial or divine mission, and revere "great men" instead of God, are arguing in that circle.

Can there be any other meaning, Sir? Now how one nation must export or die, so far as a historian can see, is not unavoidable. Export is a problem—economic, social and political. It is no solution to the problem of expansion either national or international. It may be an effect and a cause of international conflict at the same time. It is quite a complicated interdependent affair. Nevertheless nations can deal with it satisfactorily through co-operation as communities within a nation do nowadays.

A "great" power must export or die. If that is true with Germany, it is also true with Great Britain, with Italy, with Japan, with France, with America, etc. With it, indeed, arises a world-wide common problem. There are two ways to approach this problem in the present day world. One which a gangster or a brute would take in a community is: "I'll handle it myself." The other which a law-abiding citizen would follow is: "I'll call public attention to it since it affects us all in the community." There may be no absolute solution arriving through the second way, but peace can be maintained thereby. Through the first way there must come bitter quarrel and war may follow. And it is not necessary to add here or explain that possession of colonies does not lead to a positive solution of the problem at issue. Nor is it desirable to show how the communists may present that problem as a serious contradiction in our capitalism of today.

Germany, England and America must come to a mutual understanding rather than resort to war. Then a world economic conference can be called with or without Soviet Russia participating. In the meantime, let us remind Herr Hitler that China is one of the best markets to Germany—almost absolutely necessary and the most profitable. It is inconceivable for Germany to help Japan to destroy or monopolize it to the regret of her own German people who know and foresee what "export or die" really means.

A CHRISTIAN

Shanghai, Feb. 9.

The Beggar's Dog: A Constructive Suggestion

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—In corroboration of the letter from the Hon. Secretary of the S.S.P.C.A., may I add that the frequent sight of the small dog, and the beggar, kneeling on the pavement in the vicinity of Kiangse Road, affects me profoundly. I always stop to have a word with them, and on one occasion, carrying a parcel of bones home for my own dog, I took out a rather large chop bone, and unthinkingly gave it to the beggar's dog. The beggar then put out his hand feeling for his little pal, and to my amazement, gently edged the bone from its mouth. Then I got my lesson! He bit off small pieces of meat from the bone, and handed them slowly to the wee fellow, who thoroughly enjoyed his tiffin! I had quite forgotten that my boy friend, who would have wolfed that bone in ten minutes, was six times the size of the scrap of doghood belonging to the beggar.

Instead of people bothering Public bodies to part this poor beggar, who cannot earn a living through no fault of his own, from probably his only joy in life, could not we "sympathizers" regularly send a dollar each per month, say, to the S.S.P.C.A., to be handed to the beggar, which would ensure him receiving an income of at least fifty dollars per month, and both man and dog would be able to stay comfortably at home, which I have no doubt they would both much appreciate, and we who witness the little tableau would no longer be harrowed.

And would not the emotions resulting from our practical sympathy be more enviable than that of righteous wrath satisfied merely by laying complaints so that someone else can shoulder the burden?

PASSING-BY.

Shanghai, Feb. 9.

Good Samaritans: Chinese Appreciation

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

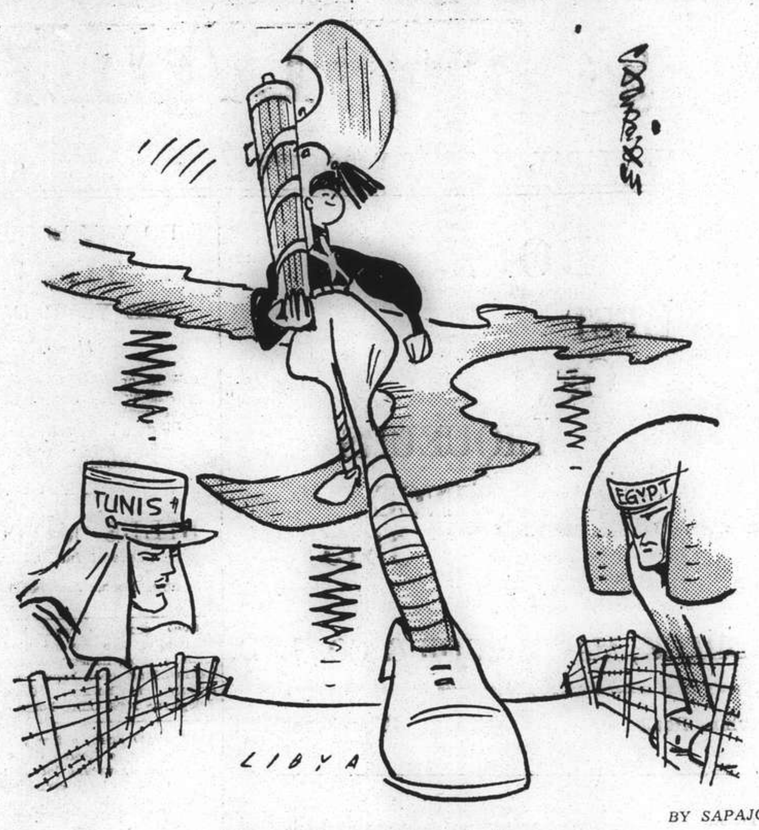
SIR,—Please convey my hearty compliments to the Commanders of the British and U.S.A. troops or marines at Shanghai on the manner in which two of their soldiers or marines have saved a poor Chinese boy's life at Bubbling Well Road (near Seymour Road) at about 6 p.m. on February 6.

An apprentice of a shoe store near by, carrying hot water and crossing Bubbling Well Road, was knocked down by the rear of a certain hired car. Passing by, a British soldier, with a white band on his left arm, immediately stopped his motor cycle (bearing S.D.F. licence No. 1803) and carried the victim, with the assistance of a U.S. Marine, to the pavement, waiting for the arrival of a hospital ambulance which the S.M.C. Police, foreign and Chinese, had telephoned for besides their various emergency duties at that time.

These two British and U.S.A. soldiers or marines were highly appreciated by the crowd for their humanitarian act towards such a poor young boy of apprentice class.

AN EYEWITNESS.

Shanghai, Feb. 7.



BY SAPAJOU

Watching the Roman Step

Charity Funds: The Latest Allocations

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I shall be obliged if you will kindly publish the following allocations made to foreign charities of Shanghai from funds provided by the Distributing Committee, Loterie de Bienfaisance Pour Les Refugies, the Shanghai Municipal Council, and the British Relief Fund in China:

Russian Emigrants Associations (for upkeep and service of the Hostels and Hut at Rue Bourgeat)	$ 2,500
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A. PULLEN,
Hon. Secretary.
Committee of the Associated Foreign Charities of Shanghai

Shanghai, Feb. 9.

Anonymity: And Blushing Violets

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—MARC T. GREENE seems very insistent on the merit of signing one's name to one's letter. I do not know who Mr. GREENE is, and, therefore, I am no more able to assess the value of his opinion than if he had used a pseudonym. What readers of the Correspondence Columns are interested in is the matter contained in the letters and not who wrote them, unless it happens to be technical. A most unimportant person may have quite a good idea or some interesting information to supply and yet give a modest shudder at the idea of seeing his name in print. The European population of Shanghai is comparatively small, and whereas a correspondent in Little-Mushroom-on-the-Mould signing his letter to the "Times" is often to all intents and purposes anonymous to the vast majority of the readers, a correspondent in Shanghai signing his letter to the "North-China Daily News" is not in that comfortable position. There are still violets who prefer to blush unseen.

BLACK-OUT

Shanghai, Feb. 8.

Those Pigs: What Are Foreigners Doing?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Further to the letter of O.C.H. in your issue of this morning and my letter dealing with a case of cruelty to pigs on Great Western Road, I would say that I am quite aware of the disgusting and distressing sights to be seen at the unloading of the pig boats on the Bund.—I also agree with O.C.H. that the Chinese on the whole are brutal towards animals and that the C.P.C's are callous in this respect. But the point is—what to do about it? Are we enlightened foreigners merely to say "maskee" and leave it at that. Such an attitude is merely to condone such brutality and indifference. The trouble is that so many of us are apathetic in this as in other problems which should claim our attention. As John Galsworthy says, "When a thing exists which you really abhor, I wish you would remember a little whether in letting it strictly alone you are minding your own business on principle, or simply because it is comfortable to do so".

SOUTHDOWN.

Shanghai, Feb. 9.

Race Course Closure: Reason for "Scarifying"

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—When I was a lad (alas! many years ago) I remember asking my father, who was watching two horses drawing a bush-harrow over the meadow, what it was for. He told me it was "scarifying." That did not convey much to me, so I asked "What's that for?" and he told me it shook up the grass, to wake it up, like he did with me sometimes in the morning when it was time to get up. So evidently the scarifying encouraged growth.

A FARMER'S SON.

Shanghai, Feb. 9.

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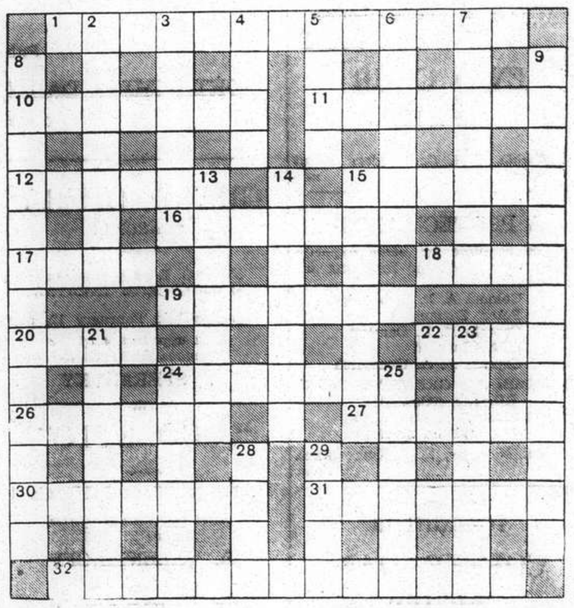

ACROSS

1 The sharepusher's dupes are generally this inclined
10 Reading
11 The dentist's locum tenens?
12 Part of the body soldiers keep in good order
15 Could this Shakespearean character ever go off quietly?
16 Fast
17 A fishy measure?
18 This may carry off a lot of the farmer's this
19 In case the car is broken up the body remains
20 Part of 14 down
22 The heap that is upset in 9 down
24 Book of the O.T.
26 In this is certainly not ahead
27 He'd be shy of writing to the Editor but a letter in the paper might be the making of him
30 A feline
31 Foreign coin
32 A vessel moving thus cannot complain of lack of backing (two words)

DOWN

2 The schoolboy might escape a tanning by means of this
3 The proper place for this is either on the dining table or on the carpet
4 To paint this is wasteful and ridiculous excess said Shakespeare
5 One of nature's weapons
6 Musical instrument
7 The function of this vessel is to make others itself or the reverse
8 No this contrivance would not tell your credit at the bank on Lady Day
9 A sweet demand in a restaurant suggests perfect arrangement (two words)
13 Get a friend to make a statement to make up the conversation
14 Distinctly dry
15 This vegetable sounds suggestive of father's little drink
21 Write in the right word here
23 What often keeps things going?
24 Protection for a calf
25 There's only one part of Africa dares this greeting
28 Hidden in the Alpine avalanche from any early rescue party
29 Suburban dwellers often have these rows in their gardens

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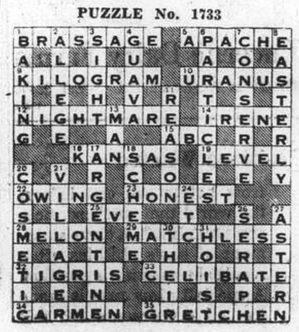

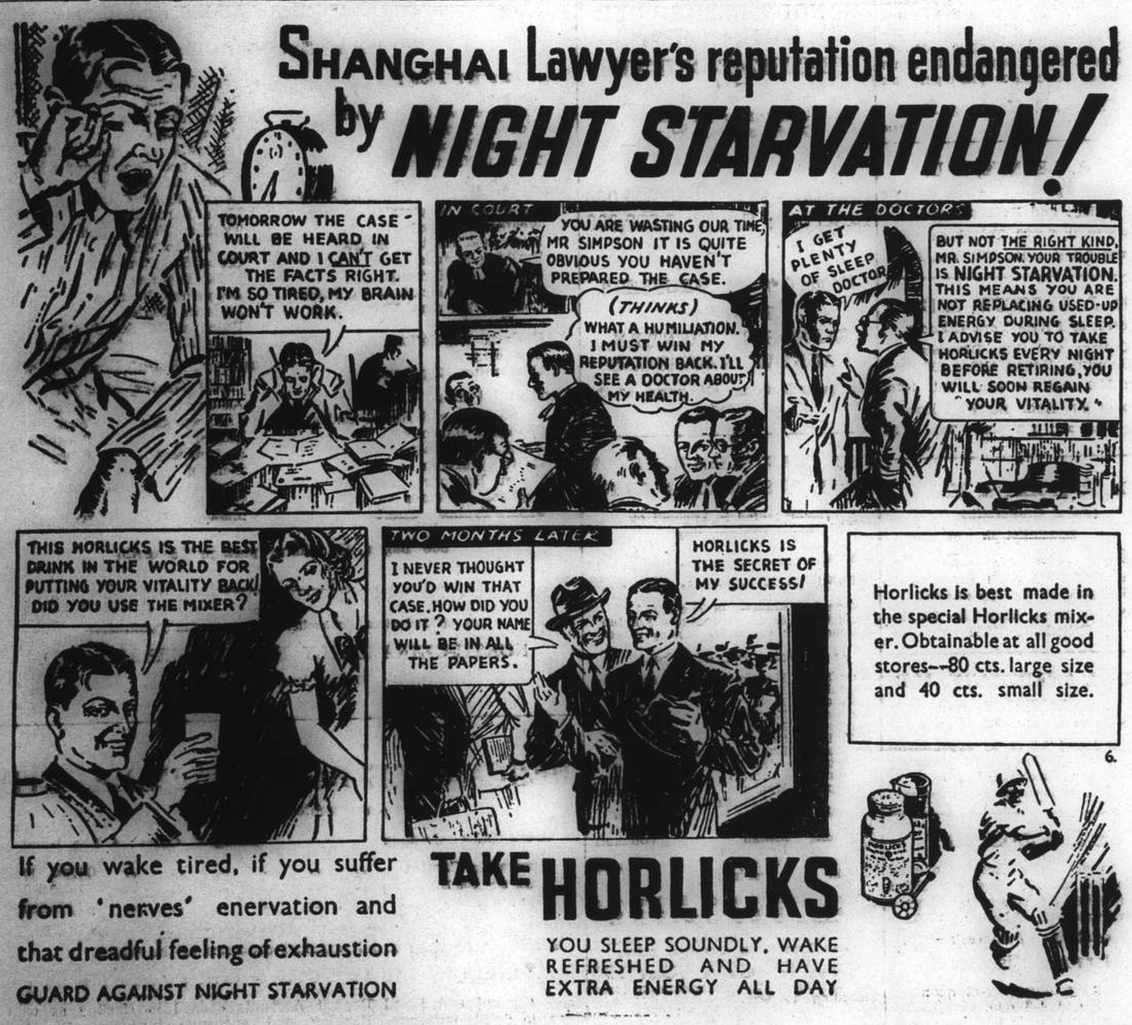

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WOMAN'S PAGE

A Mayfair Notebook

By Philine

London, Jan. 18.

Socially speaking, January 1, 1939 ushered in what promises to be the busiest New Year we have known for a long, long time. In London's social world everybody is preparing at top speed for an unusually early Season so that various important balls and at least two of the Buckingham Palace Courts may be held before the King and Queen leave for their Canadian and U.S.A. tour on May 8.

In St. James's Palace, the Lord Chamberlain has now completed arrangements for the first batches of 1939 debutantes to make their curtseys to the King and Queen at two Courts in March. Pre-coming-out balls are thus put forward to January and February, the new fashions for which had to be planned well before the Christmas holidays. But one fears that in the London and Paris dress workshops there was little time for anything more than the thought of leisure this Christmas.

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First Fashions of 1939

What New Year gifts are the fashion experts offering us? Let us glance hurriedly over some of them, delaying a really close examination of early 1939 styles until the failures have been sifted from the successes. That will be in a few weeks' time when the designers themselves as well as the public have considered them critically.

Evening frocks are still very long and very full and these have brought the flounced petticoat to the fore. Such a party petticoat can be extremely useful if one wants to turn a last year's moderately full-skirted dress into the latest style of semi-crinoline. Quite cheap rayon poult or taffeta, either plain or moiré, is suitable for the new petticoat worn underneath to stiffen the frock skirt.

Waists are to be small and trim, and bodices are being shown that fit snugly to below the hips from which skirts flow in soft full lines to the floor. Sculptured lines are new, a frill or deep flounces from just below the knee gives the requisite fullness necessary for comfort in a Gibson Girl silhouette which the New Year has introduced to the fashion scene. It is a strong contrast to the crinoline and many will find it more becoming. It certainly has one great advantage: it will suit not only the young but the older woman.

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The Dauphin Coiffure

This year the "Dauphin" coiffure is a delightful style to choose for a girl in her teens. It recalls the days when our seventeen-year-olds did their hair in "door-knockers," but unlike the "door-knocker," in the new version the hair is not plaited nor need it be any longer than is usual for a long bob. The hair is merely arranged in ringlets, or loose waves, clasped back or tied in the nape of the neck with a velvet bow. In front, the hair is swept upwards and curled on the crown of the head.

Polka Dot

This tall-crowned wide-brimmed black felt hat is faced with red and white crêpe.

The older woman, too, is attracted to this youthful hair style. For everyday wear she bunches the back hair and ties it with a little bow in the neck, or secures it with a clip. Her front and side hair is taken up in large curls or large waves.

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A Lady of the Bedchamber

The phrase "Lady of the Bedchamber" sounds oddly old-fashioned to modern ears and one may surely be excused if one pictures these matrons in the Queen's household as staid, elderly ladies who live in the world of long ago. How misleading may be imagination is proved by Lady Katharine Seymour who has just been awarded the C.V.O. for personal services to the Royal Family. Lady Katharine is not staid or elderly and lives very much in the world of today.

Widow of Sir Reginald Seymour, who was an equerry to Queen Mary, Lady Katharine created a precedent when she was made a Woman of the Bedchamber eleven years ago at the age of twenty-seven. She was the first of the Queen's ladies to be young, lovely and unmarried. Queen Mary took the view that efficiency counted more than the usual qualification of being "a matron." How right she was, the new member of her household at once set about to prove.

It was Lady Katharine who introduced the typewriter to the ladies-in-waiting. Previously all the Queen's personal correspondence has been handwritten. She had had a business training, knew shorthand and typewriting. Altogether she was such an excellent organizer that at Queen Mary's suggestion she was transferred to attendance on the new Queen.

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In Gratitude

Future guests at the now famous tea-parties, which the Prime Minister's wife holds throughout the Season at No. 10 Downing Street, will hope to see the magnificent gifts which Mrs. Chamberlain as well as her husband received from the women of Malta. These gifts, sent "In gratitude from the Women of Malta, September, 1938," were late for Christmas arrival, but they probably pleased Mr. and Mrs. Neville Chamberlain more than any others.

For the Prime Minister there came a cheque for £50 for the assistance of any charity he might wish to help, a letter from the women of Malta, a dispatch from the Governor and a beautiful silver model of a Gozo boat in full sail, mounted on an ebony stand. Mrs. Chamberlain received exquisite Maltese lace mats, table cloths and napkins on which forty of the most renowned craftswomen of the island had worked.

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Novel Gifts

There are interesting novelties among New Year gifts. West End shops offer unbreakable vases made of rubber which at first glance seem to be plain pottery. These are of classical design, plain or white, or pale sea-water green in colour. The smallest of many sizes is about ten inches across. New flower stickers have also appeared. Instead of putting stems into holes, they are perched on fine points and can thus drink more freely. The stickers are made of painted white metal, or green metal, in oblong, circular or oval shapes.

Every fashionable wears a scarf nowadays, so one would expect to find a variety of these among New Year gifts. They are there, in every size and tint, from the dainty chiffon wisp to those of fine woven wool. One of the latest ideas is the open-work scarf made from silk and wool crochet rings joined together in bright mingled colours, orange, brown, green and rust. Among countless cravats is a charming one of deep, orchid-mauve chiffon, with large brown velvet spots.

Snood

Gold suède bowknots on heavy mesh solve the hairdressing problem for day or evening.

February Notes

(By Mr. Cardanus Rider, Editor of "Rider's British Merlin," 1730 edition)

This Month cut, set, and lay Quicksets and Roses, as all other Plants. Set and plant Vines, Hops and all Fruit that grow on Bushes, sow Pease, Beans and Onions. Furnish your Garden with Salads and Pot-Herbs for Summer. Prune and trim all Sorts of Fruit-Trees from Moss, Canker, and superfluous Branches. Remove Grafts of young Trees in the last Quarter, the Moon being in *Aries, Libra,* or *Scorpia.*

If Necessity urge, you may let Blood, but be sparing in Physick: And be sure when a warm Day comes, to prevent taking of Cold through Carelessness; for the warm Air this Month is not lasting, but oft deceives us to our Prejudice.

In this Month, slimy Fish, Milk, and the like, that do oppilate and stop the Liver and Veins, and thicken the Blood, are to be eschewed as Enemies to Health.

Medicine Stains

Bed-linen and bedside tablecloths in use in sickrooms are sometimes stained with spilled medicine. These marks are more easily removed if they are treated before the linen is washed. A paste made from fuller's earth and ammonia should be applied freely to the stains, left on until it is dry, and then sponged off with cold water. The linen may then be washed in the usual way.

The increase this year in the production of petroleum from the Turner Valley oil fields in the foothills of the Canadian Rocky Mountains near here may bring Canada to second place in the British Empire as an oil producing country. Last year Trinidad held first place while Burma and Bahrein Island in the Persian Gulf vied with each other for second place. Production in the Turner Valley oil fields in the first eight months of 1938 was 2,838,175 barrels ahead of last year.

Window Dressing

Panels and Mirrors

The importance of the windows as a feature in any room is something of which we are becoming increasingly conscious. For long we accepted them chiefly on account of their admission of daylight and their capacity for taking various draperies by way of curtains and pelmets. Thus far they came into the decorative scheme.

But, after all, the windows of any room, dominating as they so often do the whole of one wall at least, are more vital to the whole effect than we used to think. Indeed, in the modernization of any apartment they have to be considered before anything else. Hence it comes about that many people begin by remodelling their window-frames, partly for effect and partly with a view to simplifying alike the aspect of the room and the housework it will require, because, incidentally, most of the traditional window-frames are extremely troublesome to keep clean.

"Boxing-In"

Where a room is so composed as to have the outer wall fitted with two windows traditionally framed and spaced, the simplest, most effective alteration is to box in all the framework surrounds with plain plywood. Running up all the way to the ceiling and down to the floor, and across beneath the sill, the plywood forms a perfectly plain proscenium to each window, and if it is made to project slightly at either side it creates convenient spaces for shelves.

Sometimes the inner lining parts, which are at right angles to the glass, are covered with strips of mirror, which adds greatly to the volume of light during the daytime, while they can be illumined by strip lighting from above or below at night.

Mirroring also can fill the wall space between the two windows, while the projecting frames are linked by a low box shelf, which will be the ideal place for a jar of flowers or a pot plant, and will thus form part of the essential decoration of the room. Mirroring, once more, can line the shelves running up the walls at the far sides of each window.

If the boxing method may have to take a few inches off the width of the room, this will be more than compensated by the extra light, the effect of simplicity, and the saving in dusters. No heavy curtains are needed. The ideal curtaining for boxed windows is thin muslin or silk which hangs close in over the panes. The play of light upon the mirror strips is a constant joy to the eye. But even without the aid of mirroring, boxed windows are well worth the moderate sum that they demand in the first place.

A. W. C.

On Tuesday, February 14, the Club will hold one of its book review tiffins. Mrs. George Carver, of the English department of Shanghai University, will review "Black Is My Truelove's Hair" by Elizabeth Madox Roberts and "My Friends the Chinese" by Carl Crow. Reservations should be made with Mrs. Rodgers at the Club before noon, February 13.

On Tuesday, February 21, at 4.45 p.m. at the Club. there will be a programme of three short plays.

On Tuesday, February 28, at 3 p.m. at the Club, there will be a bridge and mahjongg party. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Rodgers at the Club.

Mistletoe hanging above the public house bar has become a grievance with barmaids. When bar workers, members of the Transport & General Workers Union, met in London recently. Mr. W. C. Rawlinson, an official said "Many a woman behind the bar is dragged forward to be kissed by some stupid man.

Gay Season in Paris

Hats Are More Looked At Than Frocks This Season

Paris is in full party season. Those who have not gone to winter sports intend to have a very festive time. Dance and dinner frocks are in demand, and the mid-season collections show many new ideas both in silhouette and detail.

Paris, Jan. 17.

Frocks are designed around high hairdressing and the crazy little hat which consists of a few inches of felt perched over the eyebrows, ornamented by ostrich-feather tufts and miraculously held in place either by discreet elastic or a band of ribbon. Hats are more looked at than frocks this season, and elaborate models for theatre and dinner wear are selling rapidly.

Paris milliners change styles so quickly that the average length of life of a hat belonging to a smart Parisienne is about two months. The newest hats shown for the Riviera completely cover the back of the head, and form a little point at the nape of the neck. The forehead is left bare, and curls are tossed to the winds. The band which held the hat formerly at the back of the head is now placed across the forehead, and so fashions are reversed.

Directoire hats fitted well on the head and protecting the front curls are fashionable in black suède cloth. The tall crown has a certain vogue, and a model in black velvet has a pointed brim behind. A tri-coloured veil of very fine silk jersey is most fashionable, and is seen in rose, blue and violet.

Tricorne and bicorne models, which need only a mask to give them a carnival effect, are placed at a provocative angle. Berets, Spanish tambourine and Breton models, perch over the eyes, and have a floating veil of the same or an opposing colour.

Aid for Long Necks

High hairdressing and perched hats lengthen the neck, sometimes disastrously. Therefore the décolletage has been studied to counteract this danger. Collars are high and military in design. A high mandarin neckline is fashionable, and even the boned stiff collar of 1900, edged with a little ruche, is used. Black velvet ribbons are tied at the throat, and marabout boas encircle the neck for evening wear. For evening frocks the décolleté is narrow at the throat and wider at the bust. Informal dinner and cocktail frocks have a square neckline.

A bronze lamé dinner-frock has a square back which opens as low as the belt. Dog-collars made of four rows of pearls with pearl fringe help to soften a very low frock. Shoulders are exposed in elaborate evening gowns which have little boned bodices. A cherry-coloured party frock is entirely pleated. The heart-shaped décolleté leaves the shoulders entirely bare, and the frock is held in place by two gold chains.

Bodices and Skirts

Gathered bodices are extremely fashionable. One model in violet crêpe romaine has the corsage and hip yoke entirely gathered. At the waist is a tiny frill, and on the shoulder-straps is pinned a large chiffon flower. A stiff white satin is used for wide-skirted evening frocks. The three-tiered skirt is edged with a white beading, and a cluster of beads is sewn on the bodice.

Silk moiré is much worn in Paris in different shades. A black and rose moiré evening frock has a black skirt, with the fullness pulled behind falling in heavy folds. The bodice is made of bands of rose satin moiré, which forms large shoulder straps. The corsage is fan-shaped.

Paris is developing the bell-shaped silhouette for evening. Dance floors recall the days of the Blue Danube waltz, when frilled skirts and flounces swished across polished parqueting. Delicate crinoline frocks of tulle, lace and mousseline have garlands and ruches of ribbon and flowers on voluminous skirts. Tender shades are employed for these bell frocks, such as ivory, a soft rose, oyster colour and parma violet.

Wraps and Jewels

Evening wraps are floor-length, and are either cut in directoire fashion with a fitted waist, a line of buttons, and a high standing collar, or are of the romantic cape variety with wide folds and a contrasting satin lining. Long ermine evening wraps are seen at the theatre and opera, and Jacobean evening coats with frilled collar and ermine edgings are seasonable. Concert capes in velvet sewn with bands of sequins are very decorative.

Ospreys and paradise plumes are sewn on tiny evening caps and worn at various angles. Flowers and jewelled ornaments are placed in the front of high hairdressing.

Already the Paris dressmakers are busy with spring models, and one hears that sleeves and shoulders will be important and large on the new coats and dresses. Square armholes, which give a wide-topped sleeve and a narrow wrist are already indicated. Short balloon sleeves for evening wear and three-quarter adjusted sleeves for afternoon and cocktail frocks are quite new. The wasp waist is threatened, and severe corseting will be necessary.

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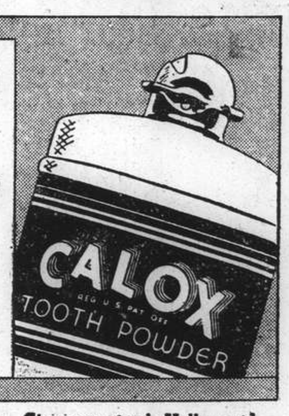

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THE SPORTS PAGE

H.M.S. Scorpion Makes First Football Appearance Here

Sailors Rally in Second Half to Outscore Police But Lose by Single Goal

H.M.S. Scorpion made its first local appearance in the soccer field yesterday when opposing an eleven representative of the Shanghai Municipal Police second team. The sailors were a bit slow and off the mark in the opening half, and were two goals down at "lemon time" but improved in the second session and managed to score two goals to the Police's one, the final score being 3-2 in the latter's favour. The Police team were one man short at the commencement, but Shute, the first team centre-forward, arrived at the ground and filled the vacancy.

He started at left full-back but assumed a roving commission throughout the game, playing alternatively in the attack and in the defence. Paddy Duffy played at centre-forward for the Police and soon proved that he is still a force in the forward line, scoring three good goals, one being a beautiful "first-timer" from the edge of the penalty area.

For the losers, Cole was a tower of strength, assisting his forwards with good passes and dropping back beyond the backs when the Police were attacking. Whiteside in goal played a very good game, dealing with some awkward shots and clearing confidently.

The forward line of the Scorpion was rather disjointed at the start of the game, despite the good generalship of Burrfield at inside-left. This player did much to hold his line together during the second half, and besides scoring one goal, was instrumental in "making" the other. Allen at outside-right can consider himself unlucky with at least two of the shots he tried, the first one being tipped over the bar by his namesake, in goal for the Police.

Duffy Scores First

Duffy opened the score for the custodians of the law after twenty minutes' play, and scored another ten minutes before the interval. The Scorpion's first goal was obtained by Barr, following some good work by Burrfield and Allen. Almost immediately after however, Duffy scored his third goal, while Burrfield placed a good one into the top left corner of the net to complete the scoring.

Bulpin, a recent acquisition by the Police side, played a clever game for the winners, doing several good things, but showed an inclination to hold on to the ball too long, spoiling some good movements.

The teams were:—

H.M.S. SCORPION:—Whiteside; Miles, Goodyear; Warren, Cole, Ruddock; Allen, Quinn, Dunford, Burrfield, Barr.

S.M. POLICE:—Allen; Stangaard, Rimmer; Robinson, Douglas, Rolin, Oakley, Bulpin, Duffy Clarke, Shute.

Shanghai Golf Club Contests Planned

Point Par Competition Over Chinese New Year; Week-end Time Schedule

Competitions as listed below have been arranged for members of the Shanghai Golf Club at Seekingjao for February. Members will recall that in the Points Par Competition to be played over the Chinese New Year holidays:

One point is scored for each hole done in one over Par.

Two points are scored for each hole done in Par.

Three points are scored for each "Birdie" hole.

Four points are scored for each "Eagle" hole.

To each member's score of points at the end of the round is added ¾ of his handicap, this total representing the score for the round played.

Monthly Competition.—Running Medal. Any Number of cards may be taken out.

Monthly Cup.—Saturday, February 11; Sunday, February 12. 18 holes medal play on handicap, one card only per member.

Points Par Competition.—Open from Saturday, February 18, to Wednesday, February 22 inclusive; any number of cards may be taken out.

Captain's Cup and Club Cup.—The third round of the Captain's Cup will be completed on Sunday, February 12, with the second round of the Club Cup finishing on the same day. The semi-finals of both competitions will be played on Saturday, February 25, and the finals on Sunday, February 26.

In addition to the above competitions for members, the Ladies' Section is holding a Points Par Competition over the Chinese New Year holiday and over the week-end prior to the holiday.

In the February monthly Cup contest to be played off tomorrow and Sunday over eighteen holes, the "A" Class will range from Scratch to a handicap of 12 while the "B" Class will range from a handicap of 13 to 24.

SEEKINGJAO SUNDAY

8.04 Ibusuki, Nomura
8.24 Cizek, Jourdin/Fraser, Ashworth
8.32 Neumann, de Fremery/Hartnett, Rogers
8.44 Huggett, Germ/Russell, Ballingall
8.52 Mary, George/Baudez, Cooper
9.04 Jarvis, Miners/Stevenson, Grubb
9.12 Bell, Jacobs/Corbett, Duff
9.24 Clark, Snow/Deegan, Burnett
9.32 Kench, Rampilin/Drysdale, Walker
9.44 Rigden, Henderson/Lewis, Wilson
9.52 Brister, Terrace/Maughan, Riggs
10.04 Johnstone, Pharis/Davies, Willson
10.12 Rudgard, Warburton/Piper, Brown
10.24 Meyerink, Morrison/McCutcheon, Scott
10.32 Pratt, Chalmers/Openshaw, Ball
10.44 Beveridge, Drysdale/Judd, Black
10.52 Fielding, Baillie/Webb, Harper
11.04 Wolsiffer, DeBerry/Chassels, Mrs. Gordon
11.12 Farnham, Mrs. Grubb/Miles, Miss Mann
11.24 Mrs. Webb, Mrs. Harper/Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Black
12.16 King, LaMont

SEEKINGJAO SATURDAY

12.24 Earley, Brooke/Fielding, Smith
12.32 Riggs, Ballingall/Fistere, Crowther
12.44 Grubb, Saphiere/Johnstone, Maughan
12.52 Pedersen, Poulsen/Meyerink, Hill
1.04 Grieve, Corbett/Smith, Miners
1.12 Walker, Jarvis/Jacobs, MacFarlane
1.24 Cizek, Russell/Willson, Farnsworth
1.32 MacFarlane, Marshall/Bell, Stevenson
1.44 Deberry, Wolsiffer/Webb, Davis
1.52 Fraser, Ashworth / McDonald, Drysdale
2.04 Drysdale, Piper/Openshaw, Kench
2.12 King, Jourdin/Smith, Ross
2.24 Huggett, Germ/Deegan, Burnett
2.32 Neumann, Hoffmann (4 Ball)
2.36 Harper, Mrs. Harper
2.44 Mrs. Nutter, Partner
3.04 Farnham, Mrs. Germ

Grand Battles on Ice Hockey Rink

Boston Bruins Continue Winning Pace

Boston, Feb. 8.

The Boston Bruins continued their winning pace in the national professional ice hockey league tonight when they strengthened their hold on the leadership by trouncing the Toronto Maple Leafs 2-0.

A grand battle was staged on the ice rink of Madison Square Garden with the New York Americans being held to a 2-2 draw by the Chicago Black Hawks, holders of the prized Stanley Cup and one of the most erratic teams in the league this year.—United Press.

Scottish Cup Third Round Draw

London, Feb. 8.

The following is the draw for the third round of the Scottish Cup to be played on February 18:—

Buckie Thistle *v.* Third Lanark
Glasgow Rangers *v.* Clyde
Dunfermline *v.* Alloa
Motherwell *v.* St. Mirren
Hearts *v.* Celtic
Falkirk *v.* Aberdeen
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Queen of South Bye.—Reuter.

Sabin Seeking Fifth Winter Tennis Title

Palm Beach, Fla., Feb. 8.

Wayne Sabin of Portland, seeking his fifth consecutive Florida winter tennis tournament championship, today entered the second round of the Everglades Club invitation championships.

The youthful Portland player has already won four singles titles, beating Gene Mako in two finals. He also won a doubles title in which he appeared opposite Mako, who became disgruntled at Sabin's tactics and almost broke up the match by beating Sabin in public.—United Press.

Aston Villa Trounces Brentford

Clyde Defeats Dundee in Scottish Cup Replay

London, Feb. 8.

The following are the results of English League and Scottish Cup second round replays played today:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE, 1ST DIVISION

Brentford 2, Aston Villa 4

2ND DIVISION

Notts Forest 0, Southampton 2

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTHERN)

Brighton 3, Southend 0

SCOTTISH CUP

Buckie Thistle 4, Blairgowrie 1
Clyde 1, Dundee 0.—Reuter.

Shanghai Hockey Club Week-end Teams

The Shanghai Hockey Club will be involved in four matches this week-end. The S.H.C. "A" will meet the United "A" tomorrow on R.G. 3 at 3.30 p.m. and the S.H.C. "B" will meet the Seaforths "B" on Sunday on R.G. 6 at 3 p.m. The S.H.C. "C" will vie with the German "C" tomorrow on R.G. 6 at 3.30 p.m. and the S.H.C. "D" will meet H.M.S. Cardiff on Sunday on the Shanghai Cricket Club Ground beginning at 2.45 p.m. Following are the Hockey Club sides for these games.

S.H.C. "A."—J. Pullen, H. K. Cassels, H. A. Crickmer, C. B. Broadbent, M. W. Turner (Capt.), B. K. Wallace, J. S. Kenyon, D. J. Boyd, J. R. Cole, J. W. Pote-Hunt, R. J. Parsons. Umpire:—R. J. Whitehead.

S.H.C. "B."—E. Brazel, J. H. Blakelock (Capt.), E. Beeching, C. F. D. Lowe, S. M. Macoustra, W. J. Silver, H. W. Carter, J. C. Boldero, A. Maude, J. Robertson, P. Watkin-Williams. Umpire:—C. B. Broadbent.

S.H.C. "C."—J. C. Jenkins, G. T. Gambling (Capt.), J. Fairbairn, I. E. McGilchrist, P. F. Watkinson, J. R. Kale, G. J. Read, H. W. Carter, C. Woolhouse, I. H. Bradford, R. C. P. Rouse. Umpire:—S. M. Carlisle.

S.H.C. "D."—A. J. Evans, E. B. S. Creasy (Capt.), L. W. R. McLaren, E. A. Jolley, J. Larsen, J. W. Galvin, J. Pullen, L. Underwood, I. C. M. Pemberton, T. H. Wood, R. Manly-Allatt. Umpire:—M. W. Turner.

Sea Biscuit to Make 1939 Debut Today

Santa Anita Park, Feb. 8.

Charles S. Howard's Sea Biscuit, greatest racehorse in training in the country, will make his 1939 debut in the feature race at Santa Anita Park today.—United Press.

Baseball Trade

Portland, Feb. 8.

The trading of Steve Coscarat, second baseman to Nashville of the Southern League, in return for Ralph Birkofer, southpaw pitcher, was announced today by the Portland Beavers of the Pacific Coast League.—United Press.

Anglo-Swiss Ski Race at St. Moritz

T. Palmer-Tomkisson, of the British University Ski team, was photographed while taking part in the Anglo-Swiss Ski race at St. Moritz in December. He was considered the best man in the British team.

Britain Loses Ice Hockey Title

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Zurich, Feb. 9.

In the World European Ice Hockey Championships, Great Britain, holder of the European title, was eliminated when beaten by Canada 4-nil, and by Germany by a score of 1-nil, in the semi-final pool.—Reuter.

Chess Champion Blunders

Feodoroff Seizes Chance To Defeat Kosovsky; 7th Round Matches Tonight

The seventh round of the Shanghai Qualification Chess Tournament will be played at the Chess Circle of the Shanghai Jewish Club today at 8 p.m. The most important game on the schedule is the match between Kosovsky and Lapiken, although the latter is now so far in front in the first category that the even the loss of this game would have little effect on his standing.

One of the games adjourned from the sixth round provided the first serious upset for Kosovsky who blundered badly after having built up a superior position. His opponent, Feodoroff promptly availed himself of the opportunity and scored a valuable point.

The complete schedule for the round is as follows:

First Category.—Stasinevitch, Krouck; Williams, Panchenko; Kosovsky, Lapiken; Wagner, Sienkevich; Mess, Fineland; Feodoroff, bye.

Second "A."—Galkin, Boidman; Hartonoff, Toochinsky; Jiristsky, Ross; Ely, Gavriloff; Rosenblatt, Yang; Karateeff, Kosloff.

Third "A."—Goretovsky, Razmazin; Konovaloff, Galkin; Boxer, Favstritsky; Lockhart, Efimoff; Bolotinsky, Chernoff; Inslicht, Polotsky.

Second "B."—Karmiloff, Beloff; Diniz, Skobiaeff; Zerkovitz, Shaniavsky; Roudniansky, Serejnikoff; Orjelick, Shevtsoff.

Third "B."—Levy, Sabouroff; Vinokouroff, Proskuriakoff; Dr. Wrany, Koptilin; Rticheff, Ozeriansky; Kahan, Kroupnick.

Fourth.—Swen, Anderson; Boniechki, Ivanoff; Gailevitch, Kobejsky; Roytenberg, Marieff; Fuchs, Kastne; Fomil, Tabashnik.

Conn to Clash with Apostoli

Bell-Hop Quoted Favourite Seven-to-Five to Win

New York, Feb. 9.

Billy Conn, a growing middleweight who overnight became a sensation by beating both claimants to the middleweight world championship, will clash with Freddie Apostoli, one of recognized titleholders, tomorrow night in a return bout at Madison Square Garden.

The youthful Pittsburgh battler in November disposed of Solly Krieger, recognized middleweight champion by the National Boxing Association, and last month beat Apostoli in an overweight tussle. Apostoli is recognized as the middleweight titleholder by the New York Athletic Commission.

Apostoli was quoted as 7 to 5 favourite today despite the fact that Conn clearly beat him a month ago. The odds were in favour of Apostoli because the former San Francisco bell-hop announced that he would go in and slug tomorrow.

"Conn fooled me with his left, but he failed to hurt me. It will be a different story on Friday because the bout is planned for fifteen rounds, while the other was only a ten-round fight. The longer route is just the one thing I want," Apostoli told newspapermen today.

Apostoli gained favour because experts pointed out that Conn, although an excellent boxer, does not possess a deadly punch. The Italian-American, on the other hand, is a rugged battler with a knockout blow in either fist.—United Press.

Rugby Union, League Results at Home

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 8.

The following are results of Rugby Union and Rugby League matches played today:—

BUGBY UNION

Guy's Hospital 16, Royal Air Force 16
Royal Navy 22, Civil Service at Portsmouth 3

RUGBY LEAGUE CUP—1ST ROUND

Bradford Northern 37, Seaton 7
Broughton Rangers 5, Wakefield Trinity 5
Liverpool Stanley 2, St. Helen Recs 2

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan 8, Swinton 6.—Reuter.

Second Battalion Win Free Throw Contest

Nelson Scores 34 Points as Highest Scorer at Navy "Y"

As a result of the tests given at the Navy "Y" for the Inter-Battalion competition, the 2nd Battalion team won the contest with a team score of 227. The team score is made by taking the total of the seven men with the highest scores. Twenty-four men were given the test at the Navy "Y" in which 16 were from the 2nd Battalion, 5 from the 1st Battalion and 3 from Hq. Battalion. The 1st Battalion having only 5 men, and Hq. Battalion having only 3, made it impossible for them to be represented with a 7-man team, thus giving the 2nd Battalion an easy win.

The trophy that was put up for the Inter-Battalion competition last year will thus remain in the 2nd Battalion. The names of the high seven men from the 2nd Battalion will be engraved on the trophy.

Further Tests

On Tuesday, February 14, the Navy "Y" will give further tests to try to raise the score which will be sent to New York in competition with other Army and Navy Y.M.C.A. around the world. Any man who thinks he can better the score that he made in the Inter-Battalion competition will be given a chance to throw again.

In the worldwide competition sponsored by New York, a cup will be given to the Army and Navy Y.M.C.A. branch with the highest team score. Also individual medals will be given to the men who make the highest scores:—A gold medal for 1st honour, a silver medal for 2nd, and a bronze medal for 3rd place. This being the first year of competition of this new contest, Shanghai is very keen to win the Cup.

Nelson, R. P., 'E' Co.	34
Maddox, P. D., Hq. 2nd	33
Leadbetter, I. T., 'F' Co.	33
Beeson, D., 'F' Co.	32
Palmer, J. C., 'H' Co.	32
Andresen, G. H. E., 'B' Co.	32
Matujec, J., 'F' Co.	31
Bryant, M. A., 'H' Co.	31
Semick, M., M.T.	31
Moore, M. W., Hq. 2nd	31
Stout, L. W., 'E' Co.	30
Sargent, D., Hq. 2nd	29
McKinney, C. W., 'D' Co.	28
Estes, J. E., 'D' Co.	28
Tierney, C. R., 'F' Co.	28
Whiteley, L. L., 'D' Co.	27
Blondin, E. P., 'D' Co.	27
Reper, C. F., Hq. 2nd	26
Carr, F. D., 'E' Co.	25
Chape, A., 'F' Co.	24
Brown, C. A., 'E' Co.	23
Kauffman, R. G., Service Co.	22
Rosier, J. B., Hq. 4th	22
Stewart, G. E., 'F' Co.	15

Week-end Soccer Here

The following are the S.F.A. fixtures for the week-end:

SATURDAY

Skottowe Cup Semi-final.—S.M.P. *v.* Surreys, R.G.2, 3 p.m., F. C. Hale; Line: E. M. Marchetti and N. Fadeyeff.

Tsz Ling Cup Semi-final.—Bramtoco *v.* Rowing Club, R.G.1, 3 p.m., J. Anderson; Line: C. H. Mahon and P. Drossel.

1st division.—S.R.C. *v.* Lusitano, S.R.C., O. G. R. Beynon; Line: G. L. Aitchison and H. A. Harrs.

Reserve division.—S.F.X. *v.* Tung Hwa, Kiaochow, K. Y. Chang.

3rd division.—Area Details *v.* P.T.H., R.G.5, K. Beck.

SUNDAY

Skottowe Cup Semi-final.—Lido *v.* S.F.X., Canidrome, 10.30 a.m., S. E. Burt; Line: G. L. Aitchison and J. Anderson.

Tsz Ling Cup Semi-final.—French Forces *v.* P.T.H., R.G.1, 3 p.m., A. C. Sinclair; Line: K. Beck and N. Fadeyeff.

1st division.—A.S.F. *v.* Seaforths, R.G.2, S. S. Moffett; Line: F. C. Hale and E. M. Marchetti.

2nd division.—J.A.C. *v.* Abteilung, S.R.C., A. G. B. Carnell.

3rd division.—Vitiaz *v.* Parks, Kiaochow, G. Tai; Russ. Club *v.* "S" F.C., Kiaochow, 10.45 a.m., W. T. Sung; R.A.M.C. *v.* Tung Wen, R.G.5, H. A. Harrs.

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"White Hopes" of Boxing

Clever Billy Conn and Hard-Hitting Lou Nova Said Most Dangerous Threats to Joe Louis

New York, Feb. 8.

OUT of the darkness come flashing over the fistic horizon—two brand new comets, either of whom may make a quick change in the future of pugilism. They are Billy Conn and Lou Nova, the most talked-of newcomers to the big-money boxing game. Right now they loom as the oustanding future "White Hopes" who may wrest the world heavyweight championship from the "Brown Bomber", Joe Louis. These rising stars of Fistiana are mentioned in the same breath; they are headed for the same ultimate goal. But their backgrounds are so dissimilar.

Nova, the Alameda Adonis of California, arises from a cultured background. Lou's father was a symphony orchestra musician. He was educated in grammar school, high school and college before he tried to wrest wealth from a tough world so that he could marry a society girl and make her happy. Yet today, Lou Nova's greatest ring asset is recognized as one of the most primitive—punch. Despite Nova's triumph over Tommy Farr, his critics' severest shafts are levelled at his brain-work in the ring—at his poise—his boxing ability.

Meanwhile another handsome lad has come whirling out of Pittsburgh; Billy Conn. Conn is just a tough Irish kid from the poorer district of the Smokey City. He claims that he went as far as the eighth grade in school. He had no ambitions for society girls or wealth. He was just a man who wanted to make money with his fists—so that ultimately he might have an income of $50 a week.

Master Boxer

But Conn is hailed as the master scientist among the big fellows who belt. After his brilliant victory over Fred Apostoli at Madison Square Garden, the sports writers are calling him a master-mind of maul. They are lauding his ring generalship—his technique. But they deplore his lack of primitive punch. They say this lad who rose the hard way can not punch his way out of a paper bag. He can fill your eyes with more leather than anyone since the days of Harry Greb—but that leather doesn't hurt. He's a powder-puff puncher.

At the present writing Nova and Conn stand out as the two lads most likely to give heavyweight champion Joe Louis a battle for his crown. But both are far away from a title fight. Nova must acquire more experience to balance the dynamite in his right hand, and Conn must grow from a light-heavyweight into the heavy division, so that his body may provide more power for his lightning fists.

In the heavyweight class they pay off on punch. That's why Joe Louis is champion today. He is one of the greatest punchers that ever lived. His fists not only have power, but they travel probably faster than the hands of any previous heavy. However, every ring critic knows that Louis has a somewhat fragile chin and no footwork.

Louis' Weakness

These two elemental weaknesses in champion Louis makes him an ultimate target for the two major assets possessed by Nova and Conn. Nova has the punch to put Louis away—if he can evade Joe's thundering blows and land his own right hand. Conn has the dancing-master footwork and baffling boxing style to outpoint the hard-hitting Detroit Negro, if he too can steer clear of Joe's stunning left hook and straight right.

It will be interesting to watch the progress of these two highly-touted newcomers—to see which will come closest to the heavyweight title. To see if it will be Nova, the lad who depends upon primitive punch, after being exposed to an over-dose of culture, or whether it will be Conn.—United Press.

English Couple Beats American Team

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 8.

Peggy Scriven and Mary Hardwick of England won the Jamaica Women's doubles tennis championship final today when they defeated the American combination of Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Fabyan of Brookline, Mass, and Kay Winthrop of Boston. The English team triumphed in three sets, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.—United Press.

Seattle Basketball Team Want Game

Permission to Play in Shanghai Still Awaited; Japanese May Try Again

Manila, Feb. 9.

Although all members of the team are anxious to play in Shanghai, no reply has been received to their request for permission to oppose a Chinese team, Ross Werner, captain of the Seattle Amateur Athletic Union basketball team composed of former University of Washington stars, told the United Press tonight.

He explained that their appearance in Shanghai depended on receiving the necessary permission from the National Amateur Athletic Union in New York. No permission allowing them to play in Shanghai has yet been received. They cabled for permission, but New York has yet to reply.

Because they are to leave for Shanghai on Monday in the ss. Empress of Russia, Werner said he would send another cable to New York late tonight. He emphasized, however, that his team would be obliged to refrain from playing in Shanghai unless he receives a favourable reply.

Japanese Beaten Thrice

Werner said he and his men hope to meet a Shanghai team and also to oppose the Japanese team which they defeated three times in Manila. The Japanese team was composed of the outstanding Japanese university players.

Prior to the departure of the Japanese players from Manila, the Japanese captain expressed his desire to meet the Seattle squad again in Japan. The Seattle team agreed to such an appearance but they also must receive permission to play in Japan.

"Those Japanese gave us plenty of tough competition," Werner said.

He said he was astonished as to the degree of development of typical American sports in the Far East. The speed of both Japanese and Filipino players, who only lack height, surprised the Americans.

Erpert American Players

Averaging six-foot in height, the team is composed of three men who have represented the United States at the World Olympic Games at Berlin in 1936, and five players who have played together since highschool days. All are former University of Washington lettermen.

They play a tricky brand of basketball, using a man-for-man defence and also in neat figure-eight offensive tactics when they bring off one-handed overhand shots.

German Speed Driver Breaks Record

Tests Made on Straight Track Near Dessau

Berlin, Feb. 8.

The well known German racing motorist Rudolf Carracciola, driving a Mercedes-Benz racing car, established today a new speed record for motor cars of the three—litre class over one kilometre with standing start, reaching an average speed of 172.166 kilometres an hour during the first attempt and 175.097 kilometres during the second.

The former record was held by the Italian Furmanik in a Maserati at 150.840 kilometres an hour.

The racing motorist Haeberle, driving a two-litre Diesel car of the Hanomag works, established a speed record for heavy oil motors over one kilometre with a standing start, reaching 86,870 kilometres an hour.

The tests were made on a straight track of 14 kilometres of the motor highway between Dessau and Bitterfeld.—Trans-Ocean.

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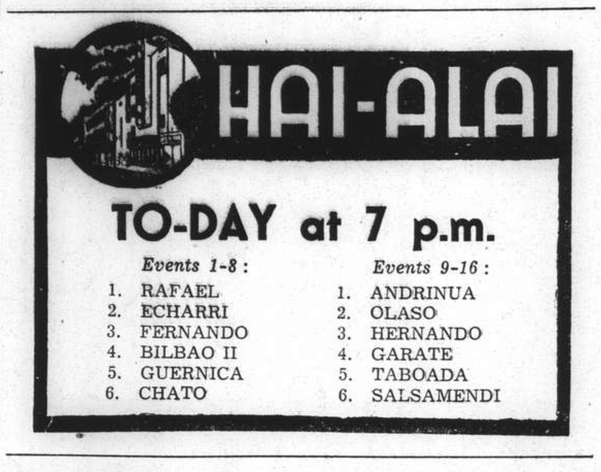

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Payment of Purchases Must Be Made in Stipulated Currency

Ministry of Finance's Order Regarding Rate Only Applicable Where Legal Tender is Specified

AN interesting decision, which may have far-reaching consequences on clearance of unexpired sales-contracts concluded before the outbreak of hostilities here in 1937, was given in the District Court for the First Special Area of Shanghai, when Maison F. Mathieu, S.A., a Belgian firm represented by Dr. A. Grossmann, was given a decision against Mr. Yue Chung-nan, proprietor of the Chung Hwa Brass factory and Dong Mow Ziang, for U.S.$6,300 together with five per cent. interest from February 8, 1938, and £686.15 together with five per cent. interest from the same date. Plaintiff's claim for the redemption of Customs duty, bondage, storage and other expenses, was dismissed on the grounds that these were not due to the plaintiff but to the authorities concerned. Court fees were to be paid by the defendant to the extent of 70 per cent. and the plaintiff 30 per cent.

From the judgment it appears that plaintiffs had sold to the defendant zinc spelter and 50 tons of zinc sheets at U.S.$126 per ton. This cargo was shipped to Shanghai on August 4, 1937, but due to the hostilities, the cargo was discharged at Kobe, Japan, and later, upon defendant's request, re-shipped to Shanghai where it arrived on January 19, 1938, when, according to the plaintiff, the defendant was repeatedly asked to take delivery of the cargo and to pay the contract price but promises made in this connection were never kept. In addition, the petition asked for payment to the plaintiff of U.S.$527.59 for extra charges in Kobe and U.S.$19.42 for cable expenses, thus making a total of U.S.$6,881.03.

On February 2, 1937, plaintiff concluded a contract with Dong Mow Ziang, selling the latter 100 casks of zinc sheets at a price of £26.0.0. per ton. These zinc sheets arrived in Shanghai on July 3, 1937, and were stored in the Lower Wharf of the China Merchants Navigation Co. In September 1938 a petition was made for the removal of this cargo to the south side of the creek and the goods are now stored in a godown on Avenue Edward VII. In addition to this total amount of the contract and the interest stipulated therein, plaintiff also asks for payment of C.$340.80 being removal fees and C.$216 cost of delivery of the goods.

In defending Mr. Yue Chung-nan, Mr. Kiang Young stated that regarding the first item, the contract was concluded between the Chung Hwa Brass Co. which had originally been established at a Nantao address and that thus the case is not within the jurisdiction of this court. Furthermore, Mr. Kiang said, the defendant is not the proprietor but the manager of the firm and could consequently hardly be held responsible. The defence also claimed that there is no provision in the contract whereby the seller can arbitrarily direct the goods to any other port than that of destination.

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The defence also contended that, although Chinese and foreign merchants always agree to carry on trade in Shanghai, taking as a basis American, British or German currency, actual performance in foreign currency is unheard of. Prices, Mr. Kiang continued, are expressed in terms of marks, pounds sterling or United States dollars, solely for the purpose of stabilization, to serve as a basis for eventual conversion into prevailing local currency. The defence also asked to be given the option of taking delivery by small lots as the factory for which these goods were intended, lay in the war zone. Mr. Kiang therefore asked for the dismissal of the case.

Payment in Foreign Currency

The court, in giving judgment, found that Dr. Grossmann had clearly established that both firms were owned by the defendant and that the contract literally provides for a purchasing price in U.S. dollars and pounds sterling whence it is obvious that these foreign currencies must be taken as the medium of payment in accordance with article 202 of the Civil Code, according to which it is not irregular to pay for a purchase in foreign currency.

As to the order of the Ministry of Finance to the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce, treated of in the press at the time, and providing that the day's rate of exchange as quoted by the Central Bank of China shall be applied as standard for the conversion of foreign currency into legal tender, such order applied only to cases where performance in legal tender converted from foreign currency is provided for in the contract. As the contract stipulates, however, that the price was to include transportation to Shanghai, plaintiff's claim for transportation connected with transshipment to Kobe, is disallowed.

Budget of $186,450 For S.M.C. Music

Expenditure of Orchestra And Band Shows About $2,000 Increase

The estimates of expenditure on the Municipal Orchestra and Band for 1939 were considered by the members of the Orchestra and Band Committee on January 27.

The Budget provided for a total estimated expenditure of $186,450, which sum showed an increase of approximately $2,000 over the Budget for 1938.

Provision has been included for a sum of $17,510, in respect to Temporary Bonus for the foreign staff. The pay of Chinese musicians additional to normal establishment appears in the Budget for the first time and amounts to $5,510. It is provided for under receipts for a similar sum to be allocated from the grant received from the Royal Italian Government which has been specially earmarked for this purpose. Another new item of expenditure is an appropriation of $2,800 to cover all expenses connected with Open Air Concerts formerly shown under Parks and Open Spaces. By agreement with the Commissioner of Public Works that proportion of receipts from Open Air Concerts hitherto credited to Parks and Open Spaces will in future be allocated to the Orchestra and Band. It is estimated that these receipts will offset the expenditure referred to.

French Contribution

The Treasurer and Controller reported that the main factor influencing the aggregate increase of $28,010 in receipts was the provisional inclusion of a special contribution of $20,000 from the French Authorities for the year 1939 similar to that made in respect to 1938. Should this contribution not be forthcoming it would be necessary to adjust the estimates in order to confine the cost of the Orchestra to the authorized limit of $200,000. It was observed that an appropriation of $12,000 was provided elsewhere in the Budget for the rental of the Concert Hall. This constituted an extraneous charge not covered by the annual grant as originally authorized.

Members were informed that a contribution of $20,000 towards the upkeep of the Orchestra and Band would be forthcoming from the French Authorities during the coming year.

It was unanimously agreed that subject to any necessary further adjustments by the Treasurer and Controller in conjunction with the Conductor, the Annual Estimates of the Orchestra and Band for 1939, totalling a net figure of $186,450, be approved for submission to the Finance Committee.

The members of the Business Sub-Committee of the Orchestra and Band Committee were thanked for their excellent work during the past year.

Masonic Ball to Be Held on March 3

Charity Fund Will Benefit From Annual Event

For the sole benefit of the Masonic Charity Fund of Northern China, a Masonic Ball will be held at the Cercle Sportif Francais on March 3 at 9.30 p.m., under the auspices of the District Grand Lodge of Scottish Freemasonry in North China. It will be conducted on lines similar to those of its two predecessors, as an unofficial function open to persons who are not members of the Order. The event further will be Scottish in character and the programme will include several Scottish dances.

The Masonic Charity Fund of Northern China, which will receive the surplus receipts from the ball, looks after needy Masons, their families and dependents, irrespective of nationality or constitution.

In order to secure the maximum of comfort and enjoyment for those subscribing to the cause, the tickets have been limited to 450, over half of which have already been sold. Those who wish to attend are urged to communicate with the Secretary of the Ball Committee, Mr. J. C. Dickson, at S. M. Police Headquarters (telephone, 15380, extension 75), or any member of the Scottish Constitution. It is pointed out that refreshment tokens that are not used during the ball may be donated, if so desired, to the Charity Fund by placing them in receptacles for the purpose, at the door.

The committee responsible for the arrangements again promise a gala evening of continued enjoyment. An attendance rivalling those of former years is expected.

Rotary Club Weekly Luncheon

Dr. John E. Baker, general secretary of the China Famine Relief Commission, who has recently returned from a trip to the south-west was the speaker at the monthly luncheon of the Shanghai Rotary Club held at the Metropole Hotel yesterday.

The speaker, after being welcomed by the President, U. S. Harkson, described his journey to the south-west and gave a few impressions of interesting places which he had visited.

Shot Causes Panic At Wing On Hotel

Great Eastern Billiard Hall Is Scene of Mysterious Shooting; None Injured

As dusk came yesterday, Shanghai had experienced a day strangely without any of the violent crimes which have been common here for weeks past: assassinations, bombings and robberies by armed men, kidnappings and other outrages. During the day, as far as the Police knew, only one shot was fired and it did not strike anybody although it caused temporary panic in the crowded place where it was discharged.

The single shot was fired into the floor of the billiard room at the Great Eastern Hotel, behind the Wing On Department Store, Nanking and Hoopeh Roads. The room, which is opposite the Great Eastern soda-fountain and tearoom on the ground floor of the building, was crowded with players and watchers when at 2.40 p.m. an unidentified Chinese suddenly produced an automatic pistol and fired into the floor. The detonation, echoing through the billiard room, soda-founatin and adjoining lobby, made scores of Chinese men and women scramble madly for the doors as they thought an assassination was taking place. Many ran into the department store, towards Nanking Road.

Gunman Escapes

It did not take long, however, to ascertain that no-one had been wounded. Police arrived from Louza Station and started to investigate the shooting, but they found that the gunman had fled. The empty cartridge-case was discovered and was taken to Police Headquarters for examination. It was from a 32-calibre pistol but the weapon from which it had been fired had no record in local crime, the investigation showed.

One explanation of the shooting given last night was that it was perpetrated by a Chinese who was angered at not having won anything substantial after having played one of the slot-machines in the place for some time.

Large Haul Reported

The Police, in examining the seventeen cartridge-cases picked up after Wednesday afternoon's shooting in Amherst Avenue, found that some of the pistols used had figured in a number of recent armed crimes and attacks on the Police.

A robbery in which a large amount of cash was taken at the point of a pistol, was reported to the police at Louza Station yesterday. According to the report, a Chinese carrying $2,700 in banknotes was halted in Fokien Road, near Ningpo Road, at 2 p.m. on Wednesday and was robbed of the money. The victim said that four bandits participated in the crime and that one of them displayed a pistol.

Fighting Believed in Progress in Nantao

Gunfire Heard in French Concession Areas

Heavy firing, believed to be taking place in Nantao, was heard in several parts of the French Concession last night, particularly the Zikawei and Avenue Petain areas.

Enquiries made by the "North-China Daily News" elicited the information from the French Police that the gunfire was probably the result of an action against guerillas in the Nantao area, although they had not received any reports to this effect. It was stated that there had been no firing of any guns in the French Concession by the military forces or police.

The gunfire, which started at about 8.30 p.m., continued for some time at intervals of every few minutes. From the reports which were heard it was gauged that heavy artillery pieces were being used.

Gneisenau Sails for Europe

The N. D. N's luxury liner Gneisenau, sailed for Europe via Hongkong, Singapore, Colombo and the usual Suez ports, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning with a large number of passengers aboard.

RAPID progress has been made in the development of those Chinese industries which are of vital importance to the present military operations. Weaving, spinning, chemical and allied industries are making great progress, says a Hongkong message to the "Shun Pao," according to Chungking Chinese reports. Construction work on a sulphuric acid factory and an ammonia manufactory, the report states, has been commenced, and will be completed in two months time.

Tramway Car on Fire In Concession

Engines of the French Fire Brigade were occupied for nearly an hour last night extinguishing a fire which occurred in a tramway car proceeding along Avenue Dubail. The fire originated in the driving mechanism at the front of the vehicle, which was pulling a trailer. Immediately the flames rose but all passengers in the tram and the driver were able to leave the vehicle before the fire spread.

Fire engines, which arrived on the scene a few minutes after the outbreak, used their extinguishers and the flames were quickly subdued. An inspection of the mechanism was then made and smouldering wood was damped out by firemen.

Later the car was towed away and traffic, was able to proceed. Several street cars on either side of the blazing vehicle were held up for nearly an hour and there were long lines of cars along Avenue Joffre and Avenue Dubail.

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Salt Company Formed In North China

Capitalized at $30,000,000, a North China Salt Producing Company will be shortly established by the North China Development Company, according to a Chinese dispatch yesterday.

Half of the capital will be subscribed by the North China Development Company, while the other half will be provided by Chinese and Japanese investors.

Development to the fullest extent of the salt producing area along the Peichili Gulf and to the north of Lienyun harbour is being studied by the company which aims to produce 1,000,000 tons of salt a year, the report said.

H.M.S. Sandwich In Chefoo

Investigating Reasons For Detention of Two Jardine Steamers

In connection with the two Indo-China Steam Navigation Company's vessels, the ss. Mingsang and ss. Taisang, which, it will be recalled, were detained by the Japanese authorities in Chefoo, for over six hours, it was reliably learned yesterday that in the case of the ss. Taisang, the steamer was about to leave at 6 p.m. on Tuesday when the harbour-master informed the captain that the clearance papers had been withdrawn. No reason was given for this action but the steamer was forced to anchor again. At about 11.30 o'clock the same evening, a Japanese naval captain boarded the steamer and asked to be shown the registration papers and passenger lists.

After having inspected these documents the Japanese officer authorized the skipper to sail. No attempts were made to search the vessel or to interview passengers and, as far as could be ascertained, the Japanese officer was very polite.

The ss. Taisang arrived in port yesterday morning and is lying alongside the company's wharf on the French Bund.

Nothing could be learned as to the reasons for the detention of the ss. Mingsang.

H.M.S. Sandwich which was anchored off Weihaiwei, was sent to Chefoo by the British naval authorities to investigate the reasons for the detention of the two British steamers, and arrived there at noon on Wednesday, when, it is understood, the ss. Mingsang proceeded on her trip to the north. The commander of the British sloop was understood to still be making investigations at Chefoo yesterday.

Renewed German Attacks On U.S. President

Stiffening of Polish Stand Blamed on Mr. Roosevelt

Berlin, Feb. 9.

What appears to be serious concern at the stiffening of Poland's attitude towards the authoritarian States as a result of President Roosevelt's recently reported remarks has led to renewed attacks on him in the German press.

The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" says that one Polish journal openly occupies itself with the question of a renewal of the old friendship between France and Poland, opening with the remark that "great impetus has been given to co-operation between them through President Roosevelt's action."

Both the "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" and the "National Zeitung" assert that President Roosevelt is responsible for a revival of international tension.—Reuter.

FUNERALS

Mrs. A. M. Abel

The funeral of the late Mrs. Alice Mary Abel, wife of Mr. W. H. Abel of Hall & Holtz, Ltd. took place at the Hungjao Road Cemetery yesterday afternoon in presence of a large attendance of mourners. The services according to the rites of the Catholic Church were conducted by the Rev. Father McDonald, S. J., of the Church of Christ The King. The chief mourners were the husband, father and mother. The pallbearers were Messrs. E. Noakes, J. Forrest, J. Price, W. Kabbert, D. H. Davidson, and R. Bigel. A beautiful floral cross from Hubby, Maureen and Freddie was lowered into the grave with the casket. Among others sending wreaths were:—

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Messrs. Thomas MacDonald & Co. were in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Agnes Sarah Thacher

In the presence of a few intimate friends, funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Chapel of the International Funeral Directors on Kiaochow Road for the late Mrs. Agnes Sarah Thacher, mother of Mrs. Warren Brandbeer, with the Rev. C. M. Hardman of Endeavourer's Church officiating. Mrs. Thacher died at the Country Hospital on Wednesday following a short illness. A beautiful spray of Lilies and Baby's Breath from "Warren" rested upon the casket.

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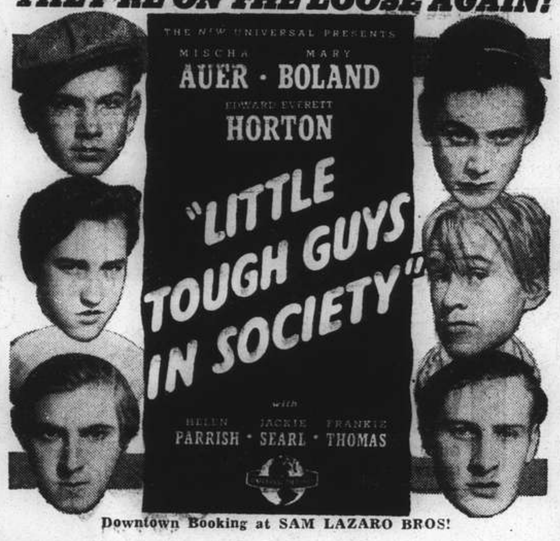

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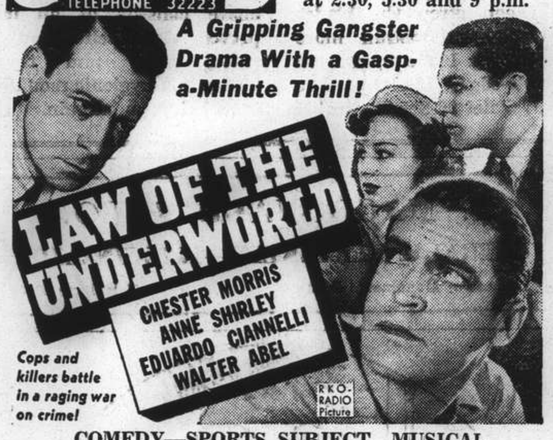

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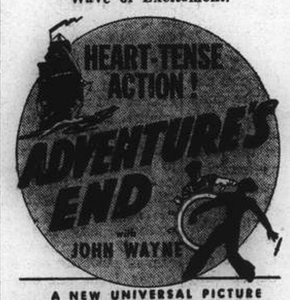

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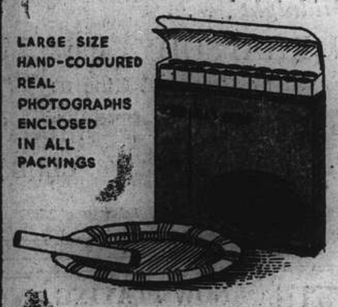

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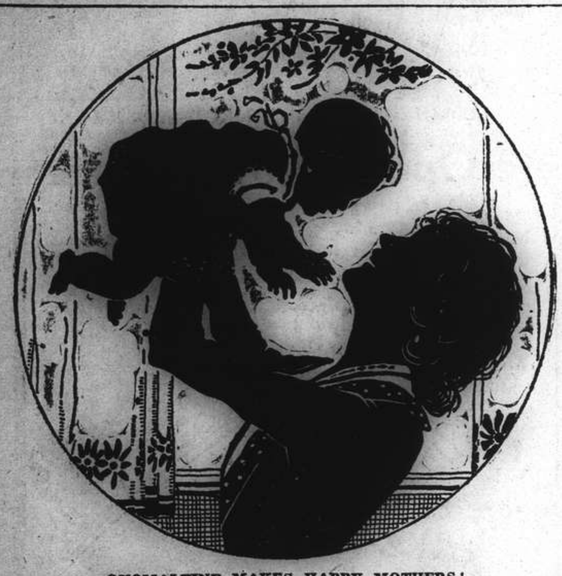

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ENGAGEMENT

AUFWERBER—INCH.—The engagement is announced of HERMANN, only son of Mrs. Paula Aufwerber and the late Mr. Alfred Aufwerber, and ANTHEA, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs. J. T. Inch, of Shanghai. 10832

DEATHS

GRANT.—On February 8, 1939, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, ARCHIBALD MORSLEY GEORGE GRANT, aged 57 years, husband of Annie Grant, now of Kuling. The funeral (cremation) service will be held in the Bubbling Well Cemetery Chapel today, Friday, February 10, 1939, at 4 p.m.

THACHER.—On February 8, 1939, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, AGNES SARAH THACHER, aged 57 years, the dearly-loved mother of Mrs. Warren Bradbeer. Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at the Chapel of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. (Hongkong papers please copy.)

Mother love, God has you in His safe keeping.
Dearest, you will never be forgotten by your Warren,
Who will always love you. 10836

VISHIVANOFF.—On Thursday, February 9, 1939, at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, JACOB NICOLAEVICH VISHIVANOFF, aged 53 years. Removed to the parlours of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road. Funeral services will be held today, Friday, February 10, at the Russian Cathedral, on Rue Paul Henry, at 2 p.m., to be followed by interment in the Lokawei Cemetery at 3 p.m.

IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL

AN OLD STORY

With the outbreak of another crime wave in Shanghai, the local Japanese press is indulging in one of their well-known attacks upon the Shanghai Municipal Police. The "Tairiku Shimpo," on Wednesday, led off with a sharp criticism of the Police for not having up to the present apprehended the men responsible for the assassinations in the International Settlement recently, alleging that the authorities are not animated with any sincerity in their search for the culprits guilty of outrages within the Settlement, and on the extension roads. Yesterday the "Shanghai Mainichi" followed up the attack by alleging "incompetency" and "pretence" on the part of the police in dealing with the wave of terrorism, alleging that, despite official assertions, the authorities seem to be allowing the political assassins to run amok. These allegations come strangely from newspapers of a nationality which, only a few short months ago, was permitting criminals to operate out of Hongkew to assassinate men who remained loyal to the Chinese Government. The remarkable disclosures which took place on August 13 last, showing conclusively who were behind much of the disorder which had existed up to that time, places the events which occurred in the early part of last year in a most singular light, and while at the present time no public evidence is available that Japanese-sponsored *agents provocateurs* are at work, the experience of last year does not justify the possibility of such a fact being ignored. It is not alleged that such is the case at present, but the history of the past eighteen months does not permit of this possibility being overlooked. The fact that the victims up to the present have been in some way or other connected with the Japanese, or the Japanese sponsored City Government may mean a lot or nothing, for there are reasons to believe that some of the murders are purely factional and not necessarily concerned with an anti-traitor campaign much as has been suggested.

The murders and outrages which have been committed may be divided into two classes,—those which have occurred within the Settlement limits, and those others which have taken place on outside roads running through territory which is supposed to be under the control of the City Government of Shanghai. With regard to the former there is not one scintilla of evidence to show that the Shanghai Municipal Police are not pursuing their investigations with the greatest of energy. The arrests and round-ups, which have been effected during the past week or so, are the completest possible justification for the contention that everything possible is being done with commendable efficiency. No police force in the world can be expected to anticipate, and thwart the acts of criminals. These latter have all the advantage of the initiative, and the conditions under which these recent murders have been committed are not productive of chances for those early solutions which in their considered caprice the Japanese journals seem to demand. But it has to be pointed out that the Police have in the past succeeded in dealing with crime waves in circumstances which have done them infinite credit, and there is not the slightest reason to believe that in the final event the war which they are waging upon these criminals will have any different result than in the past. To indulge in allegations of "incompetence" and lack of "sincerity" as these Japanese journals are doing, is but to resort to that type of rhetoric which by continual reiteration during the past eighteen months has acquired a very familiar and unconvincing sound. To accuse men who daily risk their lives in combatting crime of this nature of "pretence" is completely to fail, whether wilfully or not, to realize the very real dangers which these men are running in the defence of the community, and to suggest that they are not really desirous of bringing these criminals to book is wantonly to close the eyes to what must be very patent facts. It may safely be expected that the deeds of the Municipal Police, will, as they have in the past, very soon rob the words of these two journals of whatever passing significance their authors may consider them to possess.

The outrages which have occurred on the outside roads represent a very different problem. In territory, under the Japanese sponsored City Government of Shanghai, conditions have been allowed to deteriorate to such an extent that the area bounded by the settlement limits and the railway has become an Alsatia, for all the rogues and thieves of Shanghai are attracted there by the wholesale illegal gambling which is being carried on unblushingly, if not with the consent of the authorities responsible, at least with their connivance. The efficiency of the police force in that area may be best exemplified by an occurrence of a few weeks ago. The Municipal Police succeeded in effecting the arrest of a number of suspicious characters. A demand was made that they should be handed over to the Chinese authorities, and this was done. In a comparatively short while it was reported that some of those men had escaped. If this is competence the word must be acquiring an entirely new connotation, if it is an example of sincerity the term must have a meaning entirely different from that given it in the ordinary dictionaries, and if it may not actually be connivance then the word has entirely lost its meaning. If there has been any co-operation between the City Government of Shanghai and the Police of the International Settlement, this one example is a striking indication of its real merits. The facts are that, because of the peculiarity of the situation, the International Police are sadly hampered in dealing with the evil elements living in the area in question, while at the same time there appears to be no real desire on the part of the Chinese authorities to remedy a state of affairs which is a crying disgrace. It is necessary to write strongly. For what appear to be political reasons the members of the Municipal Police Force are being attacked in a manner which has about it not one vestige of justice. It may be that in Japanese eyes the newspapers in question are building up a case against the force, but those journals may rest assured that it carries no conviction in the eyes of others less prejudiced.

To A Departing Friend

With the farewell parade today of an international guard of honour drawn from the Shanghai Defence Force, Major-General A. P. D. Telfer-Smollett will have accomplished one more step in the arduous task of saying goodbye to Shanghai. Like so many who have achieved popularity in Shanghai he has been going through the herculean task of eating his way out of the port, and whatever regret he may feel at leaving it will be tempered by the fact that for a time at least he will be able to take a well-earned rest. Major-General Telfer-Smollett was in Shanghai when the China Incident was brought to its doors during those tragic days of August, 1937, and within a very short while he established himself as a real leader of men, and one to whom the community as well as the other commanders in the Shanghai Defence Force could look with the utmost confidence. The port was indeed fortunate in the leadership of the various military and naval commanders stationed here, and the Major-General is one of the outstanding figures in a group of men who in the protection of their nationals rendered so much real service to the inhabitants of this port which was so sorely stricken at the time. The large number of presentations which have been made to him bear witness to the very real regard in which he is held by the various sections of the Shanghai community, and he may rest assured that they are not by any means mere expressions of courtesy, but testimony to the manner in which he has endeared himself to the people he is leaving. It is such that for his own sake he should be advised not to accept the suggestion of creating a refugee zone in Guernsey, for if he attempts to do any such thing, his geniality may tempt Shanghai to take him at his word. Throughout his stay here he has handled a very delicate situation with the utmost patience and unfailing courtesy, and yet with a firmness withal which has been most heartening to his fellow nationals. Shanghai has had many distinguished officers in its midst from time to time, but Major-General Telfer-Smollett may rest assured that none has been parted from with so much real regret as himself. That is indeed high praise, but in the circumstances more than merited.

China's Position

The excellent summary of China's position vis-à-vis of Japan in the present hostilities, obtained by Reuter from officials in Chungking, might be termed a trifle optimistic in vein. It is declared that the only hope for peace lies in an international conference on the lines of the Washington Conference, a proposal which Tokyo has already flatly refused. Japan believes in its mission to establish a "new order in East Asia," and nothing short of a "new order" is likely to satisfy the nation's leaders. China, however, is opposing this "new order" so long as it requires loss of Chinese sovereignty and Japanese hegemony on the mainland. From this complete opposition of views nothing is likely to materialize which will contribute towards peace. Nevertheless, it cannot be denied that both sides would like to have peace as soon as possible. The Chinese government, courageously though it is carrying on, has been crippled by the Japanese victories; most important cities and lines of communications have fallen to the invaders; and a stranglehold has been placed on the Maritime Customs, one of the chief sources of China's credit. But is Japan in any much better condition? It is unfortunate for Tokyo that Chinese losses have not always meant Japanese gains, while the material drain on the country's resources is enormous. In addition Japan has outside preoccupations, chiefly with Soviet Russia, as is shown by the most recent border clash in Manchoukuo and the deadlock over the fisheries dispute. Japan would very much like to free itself from entanglements in this country, but cannot do so until at least some of its declared objectives have been obtained. So far none of these objectives has been approached, and the prospect ahead must appear to Tokyo's eyes none too rosy.

A Country Diary

February 8.—An architect friend tackled me the other day, asking me a lot of questions about termites: in particular he said, "assuming there is a virus capable of killing the insect, how does it get carried from one to the other, finally reaching the Queen and so extinguishing the colony? I was very shaky on facts and so looked up the Encyclopædia where I found some most astonishing statements. It seems that a colony consists of (1) a large fat Queen and a little King who live in a separate royal chamber (2) workers—who presumably eat wood and take the nourishment therefrom (3) two kinds of soldiers whose sole task is to defend the colony from invaders.... it is impossible to give them human equivalents, but one might think of them in terms of tanks and infantry....they do not go out and eat wood (4) winged adults all ready to fly away and start a new colony (these obviously cannot eat wood when they are busy growing wings). So this brings me to the strangest fact of all. The workers are the burrowers through wood, fungus, or any other material adjacent to the actual mud nest or colony....and they thus become the suppliers of food to all the other termites right up to the King and Queen, the supply being arranged by a very strange method: any non-worker requiring a meal takes it from the body of a worker by a process of stroking or "milking": one kind of food comes from one end of the body, and a different kind from the other end. We thus find the almost unbelievable fact that every working termite is a perambulating free-lunch counter with a two-course meal always on tap. Soldiers, winged colonists, King and Queen, must depend on the wood-eating worker for their daily bread....and so if you poison the workers you must ultimately poison the lot. It all sounds to me too strange to be true, but if anybody can find a more authentic story than that given by the Encyclopædia Britannica I would be very glad to hear it.

IN PARENTHESIS

Fair Enough

MORE than ninety soloists have appeared, and seventy of these have been men and women.—From Arts in Philadelphia.

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In School

TEACHER—"An epidemic is anything that spreads. Now name an epidemic?"

Small Boy—"Jam, sir."

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Prayers

MAGISTRATE: "What made you beat your wife in that merciless fashion?"

Accused: "Well, while I was praying for rain because the garden was parched, she was praying for a fine day so that she could do the washing."

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Happiness

A SCHOOL teacher asked her class to explain the word "bachelor," and was amused by the reply of one of her pupils, who said, "A bachelor is a very happy man."

"Where did you learn that?" asked the teacher.

"Please, miss, father told me," came the reply.

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Perish the Thought Dept.

WOMAN'S best chance for something which will lift life into a higher key, and making living an adventure, lies in love. Her best opportunity for a blasting love lies in marriage.—From the Trenton Times.

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Amateurs!

W. HYDE of the Victoria Wrecking Company complained to police this morning that a gang of boys was doing damage to a house which his company is demolishing at 421 Craigflower Road.—Victoria (B.C.) "Times."

Professional jealousy, no doubt.

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Cautious

A SCOT was visiting Niagara Falls with an American friend. As they watched the great rush of water, the American said "There's a story that if you throw a penny into the Falls it will bring you luck." "Is that so?" said the Scot. He considered the question for a moment, and then asked: "Hae ye a bit of string?"

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The New Economics

Points in Dr. Walther Funk's programme: Extension of short term debts beyond the date of maturity, and payment of present debts by the next generation. The country is in ugent need of exports.

D.H., 17 The Bund.
Dear sir,
We are enclosing an account for $2.40 which we should be obliged if you could settle at your earliest convenience.
Yours faithfully,
Caparlace Hotel Ltd.

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Caparlace Hotel Ltd.
Dear sirs,
I am in receipt of your favour (favour is good when you are wanting dollars two cents forty only from me, isn't it?) of yesterday's date and beg to state that I have become a convert to the new economy as enunciated by Dr. Walther Funk, and propose to extend my short term debts beyond the date of maturity. In the circumstances, therefore, I cannot pay your bill at present, and remain,
Yours cordially,
D. H.
P.S. Isn't it queer how Dr. Funk spells his name with an H.

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D.H., 17 The Bund.
Dear sir,
We are enclosing a duplicate account for your bill of $2.40, and must ask you for immediate settlement.
Yours faithfully,
Caparlace Hotel Ltd.

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Caparlace Hotel Ltd.
Dear sir,
You don't seem to have got the point of my letter of yesterday's date, which was that I have extended the short term credit previously enjoyed from you into a long term credit—how long must, of course depend upon the variations of the exchange. This is, it must be admitted, a largely experimental form of economics, but I trust that you will co-operate in order to ensure that the experiment is a success.
Yours experimentally,
D. H.
P.S. Your letter was not as cordially worded as I could wish. What beautiful bar maids you employ!

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D.H., 17 The Bund.
Dear sir,
In reply to your letter of yesterday's date, we beg to inform you that your credit has been stopped until the account for $2.40 for two whiskies in our bar has been paid. Our beautiful bar maids have been so instructed. Kindly forward the amount without further delay.
Yours faithfully,
Caparlace Hotel Ltd.

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Caparlace Hotel Ltd.
Dear sirs,
You wound me. I have nothing to complain about your whisky except the price, and in the interests of progress must refuse to pay your bill. That is the long and the short of it. Excuse the hurry, but I have to meet a bloke round the corner.
D. H.
P.S. Oh to be in Guernsey, now that Major General A.P.D. Telfer-Smollett C.B., D.S.O., M.C., is there!

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D.H., 17 The Bund.
Dear sir,
Our shroff will be calling upon you this afternoon and we trust that you will then settle your account. Enclosed is another copy of the account.
Yours faithfully,
Caparlace Hotel Ltd.
Enc. Account for $2.40.

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Caparlace Hotel Ltd.
Dear sirs,
Your letter came as somewhat of a shock to me. Your shroff is doubtless a busy man, so tell him not to bother to call. On consulting my Manual of Modern Economics, I find I am in urgent need of exports, and, having nothing to export, have decided to export myself. If ever I marry and have a next generation, the first thing I shall do is to instruct it to pay your bill.
Yours departingly,
D. H.
P.S. Please note that my address for the next two weeks or so will be c/o Empress of Canton, Pacific Ocean. Hoping to hear from you.

THE WEATHER

Temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai 24 hours ending 7 p.m.:—

Yesterday	Min. 31.0	Max. 46.0
Same date, 1938	Min. 30.0	Max. 41.5

Rainfall nil.

Temperature at Siccawei:—

Yesterday	Min. 28.8	Max. 47.1
Same date, 1938	Min. 26.4	Max. 43.3

Siccawei's Report

State on the morning of the 8th:—Siberian anticyclone high and steady over Siberia, China and Korea, spreading over Japan. Fine and cold weather, cloudy in places, in China. Fresh to strong monsoon along the China Coast.

State on the morning of the 9th:—Cloudy, rather fine and cold weather. Hoar frost. High and falling pressure. East-South-Easterly breezes.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Fine and cold weather with fresh North-Westerly to Northerly winds around Shantung. Overcast to cloudy with mist or even drizzle in the morning with cyclonic circulation over our regions and the Eastern Sea, owing to the depression passing East-North-Eastward.—Siccawei Observatory.

Republicans of Spain May Capitulate

Leaders Confer in France; Fateful Decision Imminent; Madrid Undaunted; Refugees Pour Over Border; Nationalists Advance Steadily

Paris, Feb. 9.

GENERAL Vincente Rojo, the Republican Commander, threw at least two corps of his Ebro River army across the road to Le Perthus, south of Junquera, this morning in an effort to halt General Francisco Franco's sweeping drive for a few hours to enable Dr. Juan Negrin, Republican Premier, to resume Government consultations and finally decide whether to fight or surrender. Dr. Negrin was reported to be ready to fly to Madrid for final discussions on capitulations. Foreign diplomats thought the decision on whether the Republicans will capitulate or continue the thirty-month-old war, which already has taken a million lives, might be reached before nightfall today.

After meeting British and French diplomats at Le Perthus, Dr. Julio Alvarez del Vayo, Republican Foreign Minister, received the press here in a modest house. He was reported to have told the British and French diplomats that the question of surrender or continuation of resistance would be decided as soon as the Catalonian area is completely evacuated. Dr. del Vayo showed unusual optimism in receiving correspondents but did not deny that the Republican Government was willing to agree to peace but only on certain terms.

With practically all of the Republican Government's leading officials at Le Perthus, Dr. del Vayo maintained that "everything is not lost."

"The southern zone has not surrendered," he declared. "It is not asking for separate peace. The Republican Government is willing to halt the war on condition that the safety of all is assured, that foreigners quit Spain immediately and the people be allowed through the holding of a plebiscite to decide on the form of Government they want."

Paris heard rumours that General Jose Miaja, who is in command of almost 500,000 troops in the Madrid-Valencia zone, had begun direct negotiations in seeking an armistice. Several diplomats, however, quoted Gen. Miaja as saying that he would fight "to the last man."

Republicans Hold Ground

Eight miles from the southern frontier, Gen. Rojo deployed Lt.-Col. Enrique Lister's 15th Corps and Col. Tagoya's 5th Corps under the Modestos General Command in a last attempt to halt the surging tide of Gen. Franco's men.

Forty thousand Republicans were reported to be still remaining in Catalonia, acting as the shield to the final evacuation.

Sr. Manuel Azana, President of the Republican Government, arrived at 6.40 a.m. in Paris and immediately went to the Spanish Republican Embassy after refusing interviews.

Throughout the night trucks loaded with soldiers and munitions poured over the frontier into Le Perthus and other French border towns. At dawn today the stream of the vanguards of the Republican army in Catalonia started pouring in. Rumblings of far-off explosions on Spanish territory were audible as bridges and highways were blown up behind the retreating men.

The 26th Division, in retreating from Puigcedra, dynamited a co-operative dairy, army barracks, bridges and other buildings, provoking a protest from the French authorities because the explosions were so heavy that they damaged buildings in the French border town of Bourgmadame.

United Press correspondents visited the concentration camp at Elne where most of the human stream from Spain empties. The camp, located near Argels, is a huge enclosure surrounded by barbed-wire and patrolled by Senegalese mobile guards.

Endless Stream of Refugees

Along the road from the frontier there was an endless stream of marching men, women and children. Old men and women, carrying babies, rode in trucks and ambulances with the severely wounded. Slightly wounded persons rode on donkeys and horses, while rumbling trucks carried piles of household effects. The procession was making way to the concentration camp where hundreds of ragged, hungry and dirty persons, deprived of their homes, slept on cold earth.

Some of the wounded were lads of fifteen and sixteen years of age. They hobbled about on improvised crutches. Hundreds of old men and women sat aimlessly. There were thousands of small camp fires blazing both inside and outside the camp.—United Press.

Republican Headquarters

Le Perthus, Feb. 8.

The Spanish Republican Government established temporary General Headquarters on French soil near here today but it was doubtful that French authorities would permit the Spanish regime to continue operating in France in view of French warnings to the Republican Premier, Dr. Juan Negrin, when he entered France.

The outcome of Dr. Negrin's conference with Republican leaders today was not announced, but the meeting was broken up by the arrival of news that Republican headquarters in a fortress at Figueras, the temporary capital, had been blown up, apparently as a result of the swift Nationalist advance.

Gen. Jose Miaja, commander of the Madrid Defence Junta, and other Republican commanders in the central Spain zone insisted today that they could hold out against the Republicans indefinitely. They still control one-fourth of Spain including some of its greatest cities and seaports.

General Francisco Franco's Nationalist headquarters at Burgos

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Republicans Split On Peace Issue

France, Britain May Formally Recognize Nationalist Regime

London, Feb. 8.

Britain's recognition of the Nationalist Spanish Government was today held probable even before a final Franco victory.

Sir Robert Hodgson, British Agent to Burgos, will leave London to return to his post either tomorrow or the day after tomorrow, it was stated. He will then resume conversations with General Franco who is now ready to negotiate with the democracies, British quarters observed today.—Havas.

France Studies Recognition

Paris, Feb. 9.

The French Government is to consider recognition of General Franco's Nationalist regime in Spain on the basis of the draft solution brought from Burgos by Senator Leon Berrard, who went there as an unofficial envoy.

Senator Berard, it is authoritatively learned, informed M. Georges Bonnet, the French Foreign Minister, that his conversations in Spain were most cordial. He was very satisfied with the understanding with which the Nationalist authorities greeted him.

The essential object of his mission dealt with the question of refugees. The Nationalist authorities, according to Senator Berard, were as anxious as the French Government to see hem return to their homes.

The question of establishing normal diplomatic relations with Burgos will be examined by the French Government and Senator Berard will not return to Spain until the Government has decided on the question.

Republican Leaders Split

Nationalist forces are expected to reach the French frontier at several points today, and the main body of the Republicans both inland and along the coast is expected to cross into France at any moment. Mediation, says a dispatch from Madrid, is thought there to be unlikely, and Republican resisance will continue. The new headquarters of the Republicans is expected to be at Alicante, Cartagena or Albacete.

Don Manuel Azana, President of Spain, left Geneva last night for Paris. Well-informed minor Republican officials, who arrived here yesterday morning, confirm the report that a divergence of views exists between Don Azana and Dr. Juan Negrin, Spanish Premier.

Dr. Negrin, they say, believes only resistance, on the basis of the peace terms he laid down on February 2, can solve the Spanish problem. Don Azana, on the other hand, they declare, has no less rigid views. The officials express the opinion that the divergence might lead to Dr. Negrin's resignation.

Nationalists Want King

Developments calculated to "end the war" are already being discussed, it is understood here.

The fact that General Franco withheld a detachment of Italian volunteers from advancing to the French frontier is particularly noted, and while Senator Leon Berard, unofficial envoy to the Burgos Government, is given much credit for it, the deduction is drawn that a withdrawal of Italian troops will follow a victory for General Franco, the Nationalist leader.

Nationalist leaders are stated to prefer the restoration of the Spanish Monarchy to a totalitarian regime.

Don Manuel Azana, the Republican President, on his arrivial here this morning from Geneva, refused to make any statement. He left the station preceded and closely followed by uniformed police.

"Petit Parisien" declares, that despite declarations to the contrary by Republican leaders, it seems that resistance in the Madrid-Valencia zone must be abandoned. The dispatch of a diplomatic agent to Burgos, the paper declares, would now be logical, and it would be "useless, and even harmful, to delay it."

"L'Epoque" states that the "more France delays recognition of General Franco, the more she risks losing."—Reuter.

Berlin Criticizes Mediation

Berlin, Feb. 9.

"Diplomatic intervention" is the complaint made by the German Press at reported Anglo-French mediation in the Spanish War. The "Volkischer Beobachter," official organ of the Nazi Party, states that an obvious attempt is being made to "frustrate a victorious peace in General Franco's favour."

London and Paris, it is stated, are acting from "purely power and political considerations, which result from the special importance of Spain to their own positions in the Mediterranean."—Reuter.

Nationalists Reach French Border

Le Perthus, Feb. 9.

Nationalist troops entered the Spanish section of Le Perthus at 2.05 p.m. today and have reached the French border.—Havas.

Italians Kept Away

Paris, Feb. 9.

The fact that only purely Spanish troops will approach the French frontier was confirmed in well-informed quarters here today. Italian troops, it was added, will be kept in the rear.—Havas.

Italy Sending 30,000 Men Into Libya

Commons Told 30,000 Already There; Spain Relations "Strained"

London, Feb. 8.

Italy will send 30,000 soldiers to Libya to reinforce the 30,000 that recently arrived there, it was reported here today. Authoritative quarters declared this measure would be aimed as much against Britain in Egypt and the Sudan as against France.

They pointed out that France has considerable forces in North Africa which exclude all possibilities of a direct Italian attack against Tunisia. It is no more coincidence that Italy is sending reinforcements to Libya just after Mr. Neville Chamberlain's recent declaration of solidarity with France "under any circumstances," the same quarters added.

According to reports from Rome, Italy is greatly angered by the resignation of Dr. Milan Stoyadinovitch as Premier of Yugoslavia and by the formation of a new Cabinet favourable towards France.

Italian quarters fear that in the event of a war with France, Italy would have to keep contingents of troops on the Yugoslavian frontier, it was asserted.

Despatches from Burgos confirm that the Nationalist leader, Mr. Franco, intends to withdraw as soon as possible all foreign troops in his Army. General Franco wishes to obtain British credits, badly needed by his regime, it was affirmed.

According to the same reports, relations between the Nationalists and the Italians are "extremely strained." This is contributing towards weakening Italy's position in the Mediterranean, the despatches conclude.—Havas.

African Concentrations

Djibouti, Feb. 9.

Italian troops and planes are reported to be concentrating at a point thirty miles west of British Somaliland and 125 miles south of French Somaliland.

At the same time, after a six months boycott of the Djibouti-Addis-Abbaba Railway, the Italian Government has made an agreement with the railway to transport 15,000 metric tons of flour.—Reuter.

Commons Statements

London, Feb. 9.

It is understood that the British Ambassador in Rome, Lord Perth, has received renewed assurances that the recent Italian press comment has no bearing on the undertakings regarding the withdrawal of Italian troops serving in Spain given by the Italian Government in the Rome Agreements of last April.

According to information now received from the Italian Government, the numerical strength of the Italian forces in Libya is between 30,000 and 32,000, said Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, in the House of Commons yesterday in answer to Mr. Arthur Henderson, Labour member for the Kingswinford division of Staffordshire. No answer was given to the question whether any information had been received "about German troops which had been sent to Libya recently."

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Liberal member for Caithness and Sutherland, asked if the reduction of Italian troops had been at the rate of 1,[illegible] weekly, in accordance with the provisions of the British-Italian agreement Mr. Chamberlain said he could not answer the question without notice.

End of Spain War Definition

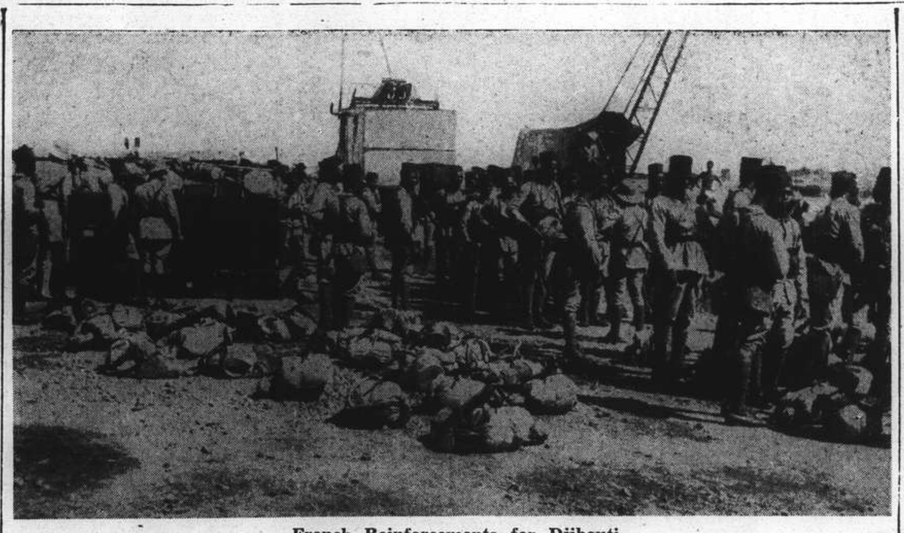
The Prime Minister was asked in the House of Commons by Mr. Arthur Henderson of the Labour Opposition whether, in view of the terms of the Anglo-Italian Agreement, any discussions were yet contemplated between His Majesty's Government and the Italian Government as to what constituted the termination of the Spanish Civil War. The Prime Minister said that the Anglo-Italian Agreement did not provide for any such discussions.

When he was referred to the statement in the Italian press to the effect that the Italian Government did not propose to withdraw Italian troops until after a political victory in Spain, Mr. Chamberlain said, "The statements of the press do not represent the views of the government of any country." Mr. Henderson then asked, "Is it the belief of His Majesty's Government that the Italian Government will undertake to withdraw their troops as soon as the hostilities cease?" "Yes," replied Mr. Chamberlain.

Calling of Italian Conscripts

Questioned in the House of Commons on the calling up of 60,000 men of the 1901 class in Italy, the Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, said that the British Ambassador, Lord Perth, had been informed that this was purely an administrative measure, without any political significance.

Mr. Butler added that he understood that the 1901 class, which was the oldest class not engaged in the Great War, underwent its military training at a time when conditions were abnormal, and it had been thought that some re-training of certain men of his class would be desirable. It was not unusual in Italy for men to be called up for training in this manner, said Mr. Butler.—Wireless and Reuter.



French Reinforcements for Djibouti

Owing to the Franco-Italian tension, reinforcements have been sent to Djibouti in French Somaliland by the French government. The picture shows the arrival in that port of the first detachment of Senegalese soldiers, who were sent there from Marseilles.

Commons Discuss Joint Defence Measures in Far East

No Special Parleys with Netherlands; Shanghai Dredging Negotiations Make Some Progress

London, Feb. 9.

THE question of co-operative defence measures in the Far East was discussed in the House of Commons yesterday. Lt.-Cmdr. R. F. Fletcher, Labour member for the Nuneaton division of Warwickshire, asked what conversations had taken place with the Netherlands Government concerning co-operation in defence matters in the Far East.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, replied that beyond the normal interchanges of information on technical points connected with defence matters which take place between various Governments, including the Netherlands, there had been no special conversations.

Discussions are still proceeding in Shanghai regarding the Japanese prevention of the Whangpoo Conservancy Board from carrying out the dredging of the approach to Shanghai and some progress had been made, said Mr. Butler in replying to Sir John Wardlaw-Milne, Conservative member for the Kidderminister division of Worcestershire. No recent reports of silting in the channel, he added, had been brought to the attention of Lord Halifax, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne asked if the Government could not bring a little more pressure to bear on the Japanese Government, in the interests, not only of Great Britain, but of all nations. The British Government, Mr. Butler replied, was stressing the importance of this viewpoint in negotiations in Shanghai.

Hongkong on Pearl River

Representations from the British Chamber of Commerce in Hongkong, transmitted through the British Consul-General in Canton and inviting the British Government's attitude towards the continued closing of the Pearl River, have been receiving the Government's urgent consideration, declared Mr. Butler in reply to Sir John Wardlaw-Milne. A communication, he added, would shortly be addressed to the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce through appropriate channels.

The Government, continued Mr. Butler, proposed to continue, as it was doing at present, to take all possible steps to secure a reopening of the Pearl River.

Mr. J. V. Alexander, Labour member for the Hillsborough division of Sheffield, asked if the Government expected more urgent results from the representations on the Yangtze.

Mr. Butler said Mr. Alexander should be aware that that was a zone of what might be described as military activity and, therefore, there were certain difficulties. The British Government, he added, was pressing the case as strongly as possible.

Sir John Wardlaw-Milne then asked if it were not the case that if Japan were at war with China, it would be quite illegal to close the Pearl River.

All relevant considerations, replied Mr. Butler, would be borne in mind.—Reuter.

Tokyo Attack on H.M. Navy

British Ships Aided In Blockade Running; Statement Ridiculed

Tokyo, Feb. 9.

Britain is attempting to thwart the objectives of the Japanese blockade of the China coast by permitting British ships to carry war supplies to blockaded China ports, the Japanese Navy spokesman said today.

Commenting on the recent incident in Tsingtao where H.M.S. Birmingham rescued a British ship (St. Vincent de Paul) which had been taken into custody by two Japanese destroyers and a Japanese controlled Chinese customs cutter, the spokesman said the Japanese Navy was gravely concerned. The action by the British warship, he said, indicated support of British blockade-running activities.

The spokesman said that the British freighters escorted to Tsingtao by the Japanese Navy last week carried petrol and other war supplies. These supplies, he indicated, were intended for Chinese troops.—United Press.

Statement Ridiculed

Questioned by a representative of the "North-China Daily News" yesterday, a shipping official at H.M. Consulate stated that investigations had proved that the St. Vincent de Paul had not been carrying war supplies.

He ridiculed the statement that British warships were aiding blockade running, adding that he could make no further statement as investigations were still being continued into the detention of the St. Vincent de Paul at Tsingtao. The ship was still at Shanghai, he concluded.

Chinese Drop Bombs on Japanese Ships

Two Raids Made in South; Airfield on Fire

Chungking, Feb. 9.

A squadron of Chinese bombers raided a Japanese naval concentration and also aerodrome at Santsao Island, seven miles from Macao, on Tuesday morning, according to a Chinese report received here today.

Braving heavy anti-aircraft fire, the raiders are stated to have bombed and machine-gunned the locality for nearly half an hour.

They scored a direct hit on a Japanese warship, it is claimed, and also set fire to structures on the air field.—Reuter.

Viscount Gort Leaves For Palestine

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Cairo, Feb. 9.

Viscount Gort, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, who left London on January 26 on a tour of inspection of the Middle East, flew to Palestine today. He was gratified, stated Viscount Gort, at the spirit of co-operation between the British and Egyptian armies and expressed satisfaction with the general situation in Egypt.—Reuter.

Hollywood Producers Hit Snags in Filming Nazi Spy Drama

Actor Walks Off, Refusing to Salute Colleague Playing Part of Hitler; Many Complications

Hollywood, Feb. 8.

Warner Bros. Motion Picture Studios reported serious complications today during the filming of their new picture, "Confessions of a Nazi Spy" which will be banned in the totalitarian states.

The difficulties were said to have reached a climax today when Horace Brown, an actor wearing a Nazi Storm Trooper's uniform and swastika arm band, refused to salute "Chancellor Adolf Hitler" even in make-believe, and stamped off the set.

"I wouldn't salute Hitler for all the money in the world," Brown declared.

Numerous other actors in the film earlier refused to have their names mentioned because they still have relatives in Germany. They feared the Nazis would retaliate by attacking their friends and relatives in Germany. Uniformed officers guarded the studio doors today to prevent incidents.

Only Mr. Edward G. Robinson and nine other American actors in the cast of "Confessions of a Nazi Spy" will be listed on the cast. The other 68 members of the cast will attempt to remain anonymous. They are naturalized Americans with many relatives still living in Germany and Italy.—United Press.

Municipal Elections On April 12

A notice under the signature of Comm. L. Neyrone, Consul-General for Italy and Senior Consul, and published by authority of the Treaty Power Consuls, appears in the advertising columns today announcing that Wednesday and Thursday, April 12 and 13, are fixed upon for the election of Councillors and for election by registered owners of land in the Foreign Settlement, of a Land Commissioner for the Municipal Year 1939.

Nomination papers must be delivered to the Secretary, Shanghai Municipal Council, Administration Building, 209 Kiangse Road, not later than 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, April 4.

International Law To Be Respected

Press Conference Queries Over Detention of Third Party Ships

Stating that "as a matter of reality belligerent operations were going on against China," the naval spokesman at the Japanese press conference yesterday replied to questioning by a correspondent, who pointed out that Japanese action in detaining and searching ships of Third Party Powers amounted almost to a claim for belligerent rights, in spite of the fact that there had been no declaration of war.

The questions arose following a statement by the spokesman to the effect that the British freighter, ss. Mingsang, which had been detained at Chefoo, with the ss. Taisang, had been released by the authorities at Chefoo. Asked when the Mingsang had been released, the spokesman replied, "probably yesterday."

Answering a question as to the reason for the detention of the Mingsang, the spokesman replied that, as stated on Wednesday, it was for the purpose of establishing her status. Replying to a questioner, who enquired what would be the position on the high seas, in view of the fact that all ships detained so far had been in Chinese ports, the spokesman stated that it had been the practice to carry out the detention of vessels within the territorial waters of China.

Right to Extend Blockade

"We shall have to study that question before we can give a definite answer," the spokesman replied to a correspondent, who asked if the Japanese navy would claim the right to extend the blockade past the three mile International Law limit.

"As I see the position in the ordinary way," the correspondent continued, "ships cannot be searched on the high seas not even for the purpose of verifying their registry, except when there has been a declaration of war. In this case there has been some sort of understanding that British ships can be stopped to establish their identity or registration."

Commenting on the statement, the spokesman said that they had had no word of any intention at the present time of a further extension of this situation (detaining and searching foreign vessels).

Remarking that the statement made by a spokesman on Wednesday seemed to give very wide powers, a correspondent asked if any rules of International Law would be ignored if, in the Japanese view, they would bring about the downfall of the Chiang Kai-shek régime. In reply the spokesman stated that Japanese Government had no such ideas.

"What about the navy?" the questioner enquired "It is just because of that that we are undergoing a lot of anguish," the spokesman replied. "It has been a source of daily headaches."

100,000 Apply for National Service

Distribution of Booklet Substantially Completed

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 9.

The distribution, started on January 26, of the National Service Guide, a booklet which explains the Government's great, voluntary national service scheme, was substantially completed on February 2 and up to February 4, over 100,000 applications for enrolment have been received by local national service offices, stated Sir John Anderson, Lord Privy Seal and Minister of Civilian Defence, in a written reply in the House of Commons yesterday.

This figure, he said, did not include the considerable numbers of applications made direct to the offices of the various services.—Reuter.

German Envoy Visits Gaimusho Head

Tokyo, Feb. 9.

Maj.-Gen. Eugen Ott, German Ambassador, called on the Foreign Minister, Mr. Hachiro Arita yesterday afternoon and is reported to have discussed with him on matters relating to the opening of an exhibition of Japanese fine arts in Berlin.—Domei.

Kiukiang Conversations

Kiukiang, Feb. 9.

Consultations will be held between British and American authorities, on the one hand, and Japanese officials, on the other, here tomorrow on the question of the evacuation of Third Party nationals residing in Kuling.

The U.S.S. Oahu, with Mr. B. MacDermott, H.M. Vice-Consul in Hankow, and Mr. J. Davies, American Vice-Consul, on board arrived here today from up river.

The British gunboat Ladybird is also here.—Domei.

British S. Atlantic Air Service

Experimental Flights to Be Made in Autumn

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 9.

The question of a British South Atlantic air mail service was discussed in the House of Commons today.

When asked whether any progress has been made in the establishment of such an air mail service, Captain H. H. Balfour, Under-Secretary of State for Air, expressed the hope that it would be possible to carry out experimental flights across the Atlantic before the end of the year.

The organization required for the service, he added, was now being discussed with the Imperial Airways and the British Airways.—Reuter.

International Conference Only Hope for Peace

Chinese Believe Japan Will Try One More Big Offensive Before Discussing Terms

Chungking, Feb. 9.

THERE cannot be direct peace negotiations between Japan and China, and, therefore, only an international conference on the Far East, in the nature of a second Washington Conference, would be likely to produce a settlement of the present Sino-Japanese conflict.

This fact is stressed by Chinese official circles here, who yesterday gave to Reuter a summary of the military, political, economic and social aspects of the present situation affecting the Chinese Government. These circles believe that Japan would like to terminate the present hostilities, but that she would insist on victor's terms, which China, they declare, will never accept. Similarly, they argue, no terms presented by China would be acceptable to Japan.

Therefore, it is predicted, Japan will make one more big military push, and will then be prepared to discuss peace, believing that thus she can obtain better terms.

A purely hypothetical forecast made by Chinese official circles was that the Powers, at such a peace conference as they suggest, would unhold China's territorial and administrative integrity but that China would be urged to respect Japan's treaty rights in China.

A controversial point, they state, would be the question of the suppression of communism in China. So far, no practical solution to this delicate issue has been envisaged.

No Important Developments

Despite numerous reports of fighting in West Shansi, West Hupeh and Southern Kwangtung, generally speaking there has been no military development of any great importance in recent weeks, these circles declare.

According to information obtained from reliable Chinese sources, the Japanese are quietly withdrawing a number of troops from the Yangtze Valley. They are said to be withdrawing their troops from Hankow, Kiukiang, Shanghai, Hangchow and other points. Japanese troops, it is stated, are also being withdrawn from South China.

Chinese quarters see no likelihood of a fresh Japanese offensive, either in Hunan, Hupeh or Kiangsi provinces, or in South China towards Kwangsi.

The present movements of the Japanese troops in China, Chinese circles go on to state, tend to indicate that the Japanese may attempt to seize Chengchow, junction of the Peiping-Hankow and Lunghai railways, with the intention of pushing westwards along the Lunghai Railway towards Tungkwan, strategic pass on the Yellow River bend, from which, it is surmised, the Japanese may attempt to invade Shensi, pushing towards Sian.

Political Moves Forecast

Such a development, it is stated, will not have any vital military consequences, for it is believed that future Japanese military operations will be carried out purely for the purpose of strengthening forthcoming political moves.

What character these moves are likely to assume will be a subject of the greatest interest here.

The outcome of the present hostilities, Chinese circles emphasized, depended largely on future developments in Europe. If war breaks out in Europe, with Great Britain and France emerging as the victors, it is most likely that China will take the offensive, and try to prosecute her own war to a victorious conclusion.

On the other hand, it is felt here that if peace by compromise and concession continues in Europe, international pressure may be brought to bear on both China and Japan to end the war by negotiations.

Present international developments, Reuter's informants went on, have destroyed all academic theories of international trade. Despite strenuous objections on the part of financial circles in London, who are still in favour of free trade, China, they pointed out, could at present only do business with foreign countries on a barter arrangement. This was because China could only obtain arms and ammunition by giving Chinese products in exchange.

Few Economic Changes

Referring to economic conditions in China, these circles declared that these had not undergone any drastic change as a result of the present hostilities.

The masses in China had limited economic requirements, which were easily met by local resources.

The Sino-Japanese war had brought about no great social upheavals in China. The wealthy, cultured classes remained as the dominating group in the Government, while peasants and labourers still formed the main stay of the Chinese Army.

Active assistance from Soviet Russia to China in the present war naturally increased the prestige of the U.S.S.R., but intelligent circles, who, after all, ruled China, were firm in their belief that if China hoped to attain a lasting peace, and embark on a programme of national reconstruction, she must turn to London and Washington.

The Chinese Communist Party, Reuter was informed, "cannot approach anywhere near to the Kuomintang as regards position and power."—Reuter.

Belgian Cabinet Resigns

Brussels, Feb. 9.

The Belgian Government handed in its resignation today.—Havas.

Latest Exchange

The closing Interbank selling rates yesterday were as follows:

Sterling 8 11/16d. U.S.$ 15 15/16c.

LONDON METALS AND N.Y. CROSS RATE

London, Feb. 9.

Considerably higher prices for silver were fixed in London today, with quotations being as follows:—

	Feb. 8	Feb. 9
London spot	20¾d.	20¾d.
" forward	19¾d.	19⅞d.
" gold	148/4d.	148/3½d.

London/New York:

One pound	U.S.$4.6865	$4.6878
One U.S. dollar	51.210d.	51.196d.

—Reuter.

Britain Strives for Peace Parleys

President Roosevelt Urged to Call World Disarmament Talks

London, Feb. 8.

The British Government is doing their utmost to promote preparations for a world peace conference, the House of Commons was told today by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister.

The statement was made in response to an Opposition question regarding the Government's attitude toward holding an open peace conference directed at remedying economical, financial and political conditions likely to lead to war.—United Press.

Washington, Feb. 8.

Plans for President Roosevelt to call an international disarmament conference were launched in Congress today coincident with the British Prime Minister's announcement in the House of Commons that his Government was attempting to pave the way for an international peace conference.

Mr. Louis Ludlow, Democratic Representative of Indiana, addressed a letter to the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, proposing that the United States arrange a world naval conference to discuss arms limitations. The letter was sent to Mr. Hull shortly after Senator William H. King, Democrat of Utah, had announced he would sponsor a Senate resolution asking the President to attempt to obtain an international agreement for the reduction and limitation of arms.—United Press.

Terrorists in England Telephone Threats

Police Kept on Alert; Incendiary Bomb Used

London, Feb. 8.

Active terrorists in Britain at present were mainly concerned with damaging London suburbs and telephoning threats of sabotage today.

Threats to blow up several railway tunnels caused railroad officials to divert passenger trains round Gloucester for three hours while some 100 police and detective searched the tracks and the areas near tunnels in the hope of discovering time bombs. Nothing was found but the police maintained watch for suspicious characters. Large squads of detectives continued to scrutinize the baggage rooms of the railway stations.—United Press.

Fire Started by Bomb

London, Feb. 9.

A fire was started in the Edgware Road district of the capital this morning by an incendiary bomb. Firemen quickly pat the fire out.—Havas.

Big Fire Ravages Philippine Town

San Fernando Business District Devastated

Manila, Feb. 9.

The business district of San Fernando, capital of Pampanga province, was virtually wiped out today in a fire of undermined origin which was alleged to have started in a Chinese retail shop adjoining the old city market.

Fanned by a brisk breeze, the fire raged for four hours, spreading to a wide area before of fire fighters, aided by volunteers, brought the furious conflagration under control.

Governor Sotero Baluyot estimated that the property in the business area was damaged to the extent of 750,000 pesos. The Catholic Church, two market places, a post office, several residences and numerous firms and shops were destroyed by the sweeping flames. A portion of the Municipal Building was ruined by the fire and many "nipa," grass-matted shacks, were destroyed.—United Press

Restrictions Relaxed At Tientsin

Tientsin, Feb. 9.

For the purpose of observing the effects of the "relaxation of restrictions" begun at noon yesterday, Reuter's correspondent made a tour this morning of the borders separating the foreign concessions of Tientsin from the Japanese-occupied Chinese sections of the city.

More freedom of movement appeared to be given to Chinese, only a few of whom were searched.

The barriers, however, had not been removed, and police and sentries were subjecting passers-by to a vigilant scrutiny though they were not interfering with traffic.—Reuter.

Day-Time Curfew for Jerusalem

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Jerusalem, Feb. 9.

Following a shooting incident in which a member of the Mufti's family was involved, a day-time curfew has been imposed in the old city of Jerusalem. Troops have searched 22 Arab villages in central Palestine. A clash with armed Arabs in one place resulted in heavy casualties among the Arabs.—Reuter.

Facts Given Why U.S. Navy Want Guam Base

Secret Testimony Revealed; Philippines Defences Involved; Caribbean Protection

Washington, Feb. 8.

THE House of Representatives Naval Affairs Committee today broke the controversial secrecy surrounding Army and Navy testimony on the Administration's huge rearmament programme by revealing the testimony of Rear Admiral Arthur Cook, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics, dealing with the necessity for additional naval air bases.

Admiral Cook testified that naval air operations would be greatly strengthen by the development of a suitable base on Guam Island, 1,200 miles south of Yokohama, and urged new naval air bases in the Caribbean. He said the most important function of the United States Navy if involved in a European war or an attack on the Western Hemisphere from the east would be patrolling the Caribbean which he said was "vulnerable to the infiltration of enemy submarines."

He said the Navy would patrol the entrance to the Caribbean from a contemplated triangle of bases located at Miami, Puerto Rico and the Panama Canal Zone.

Admiral Cook testified that the Navy air force at present is not able to patrol the Pacific far west of Honolulu because of the absence of refuelling bases. He said operations were limited to 1,000 miles west of Hawaii.

Pointing out that the United States maintains no regular air force in the Philippines, Admiral Cook said that a strong Navy air base on Guam would permit the Navy to patrol the Philippine area.

First Steps Taken

Some high Navy sources said today that the present Caribbean and Atlantic manœuvres would be the first practical step in developing effective inter-American co-operative defences. They revealed that the United States had reached an agreement with Haiti and the Dominican Republic during the Pan-American Conference at Lima, Peru, in December permitting the United Staets Navy to use Caribbean ports of those countries.

Official quarters indicated that some other Latin American nations also have given the United States Fleet permission to use certain harbours and anchorages without the necessity of previous notification.

The Navy Department announced that the Fleet Marine force commands had assembled aboard the Atlantic Squadron flagship New York for a general discussion and criticism of all phases of ship to shore operations just completed at Culebra. The operations consisted of attacking and defending Culebra.

The Navy said the Marine force consisted of about 1,500 men of tank, chemical, artillery and other units and about 56 Marine Aircraft. Vessels participating in the landing operations included the New York, Texas, Arkansas and Wyoming.

Action on Defence Bill

Spurred by the assertion of one of its committees that "war may come to Europe at an early date," the House of Representatives sought immediate consideration today of the bill authorizing an emergency defence programme for the United States.

The House Rules Committee met to give the "right of way" to the U.S.$376,000,000 bill which would give the army a total of 5,500 first line planes equipped with the latest devices and powerfully armed. Administration leaders said the bill would be considered by the House early next week.

The Senate convened after a two-day recess and may produce more controversy regarding President Roosevelt's foreign policy, especially the sale of armaments to Great Britain and France.

Warning of an imminent European conflict was given the House by its Military Affairs Committee in a majority report recommending the U.S.$376,000,000 bill authorizing the purchase of 3,000 new planes which will give the army of potential strength of 5,500 first line war planes. The chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, Mr. Andrew J. May, Democratic Representative of Kentucky, sent the report, which said the appropriation did not include the U.S.$100,000,000 requested by the President for the purchase of vital war materials.

War Faced in Europe

Referring to the coming conflict in Europe, the report of Mr May said:

"When that unfortunate and regrettable situation occurs it will be imperative and essential that we be prepared and equipped to provide adequate protection for our own shores that we may command respect for our rights at least in our own country."

The report cited war preparations of Britain and France as arguments for the adoption of the United States defence programme. It said the committee "is in unanimous agreement that our present military establishment is woefully inadequate and early improvement contemplated in legislation is immediately necessary."—United Press.

Italy Angered by Minorca Move

British Warship Takes Nationalist Leader to Republican Island

London, Feb. 9.

Colonel Juan Luis, Nationalist Military Governor of Majorca, arrived at Port Mahon, Minorca, on board the British cruiser H.M.S. Devonshire, diplomatic quarters here announced today. The Colonel conferred with the island authorities on board the British warship.

These quarters added that the cruiser left Port Mahon with 450 refugees on board.. It is not known where these refugees will be landed. —Havas.

Italian Press Infuriated

Rome, Feb. 9.

The entire press this morning expressed indignation at the fact that General Franco might occupy Minorca without the assistance of Italian troops and with the co-operation of a British warship.

"Il Piccolo" sees in this possibility a manœuvre to prevent Italian legionaries from taking part in the occupation of the island.

According to the "Popolo di Roma," the manœuvre is developing. "The occupation of Minorca is being advocated by Great Britain on condition that Italian legionaries do not take part," the paper added. "London even wants to place naval units at the disposal of the Nationalists."—Havas.

Republicans of Spain May Capitulate

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assailed the Republican decision to continue fighting as "prolonging the needless loss of lives and property in a hopeless cause." The Nationalist leaders said the "triumphal parade" of the Nationalist forces through Catalonia brought them within nine miles of the French frontier along a line from Ripoll to Olot across the Santa Catalina mountain range.

Acceleration of the Nationalist advance toward the French frontier brought new disorder among the hordes of Republican soldiers and civilians rushing toward France. Confusion gave French frontier guards difficulty in controlling the influx of women and children and disarming fleeing Catalonian militiamen.—United Press.

Madrid Remains Calm

Madrid, Feb. 9.

The population of the central zone in Republican Spain is calmly awaiting the arrival of the Government and is showing no concern owing to the perfect organization prevailing in that region, the Deputy, Sr. Felix Montiel, Government propaganda delegate, told a Havas correspondent here yesterday. He declared that a Popular Front meeting would be organized shortly.

For lack of paper, Madrid newspapers will be pasted on walls in the main streets, while news will be broadcast through loud-speakers in the main squares.—Havas.

Retreat in Good Order

Paris, Feb. 8.

Evacuation of Catalonia by Republican troops was accelerated this morning. Troops are now crossing the frontier in complete detachments with their officers, instead of in small groups. Over 80,000 troops, it is estimated. have been disarmed since 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. In one case, a full battalion of 600 men reached the frontier with a score of cars and 50 mule-drawn wagons.

The 26th Division, consisting entirely of Anarchists, reached Puigcerda during the night.

The Republicans, it is claimed, have been retreating in good order, protected by a rear-guard of tanks. They are reported to have evacuated almost all their artillery.—Reuter.

Republican Officers Desert

Perpignan, Feb. 9.

Ten officers belonging to the military household of the President of Republican Spain, who recently crossed the French border, left by car this morning for Hendaye with their families with the object of going to Nationalist Spain.—Havas.

3,000 Militiamen Desert

Paris, Feb. 9.

Three thousand Republican militiamen who have opted for National Spain, arrived yesterday at the Bayonne railway station on their way to the Nationalist Spanish frontier.—Trans-Ocean.

Italian Troops Withdrawn

Catalan Front, Feb. 8

Italian troops on the Catalan front were withdrawn from the first lines when Nationalist forces reached Figueras this evening. Figueras was until lately the seat of the Republican Spanish Government which were forced to move from Barcelona last month. The Republican Government are now transferring to Valencia.—Havas.

Pope Reported Better

Vatican City, Feb. 8.

Vatican circles reported tonight that Pope Pius was expected to be able to carry out his heavy weak-end schedule this week despite his present indisposition. They said the cold from which the Pope is suffering was "almost gone" today. The cold caused the Pope to cancel all audiences earlier this week.—United Press.

Japanese Guerilla Drive in Hopei

Shichiachwang, Feb. 9.

Making rapid progress in an anti-guerilla drive in southwestern Hopei province, launched yesterday morning, Japanese troops were fast closing a circular offensive line by reducing Chinese positions in systematic order, field dispatches reaching here today said.

Pushing southeast from Tsinhsien, two Japanese columns were closing in upon Shulu, while two others, after seizing Houchiakow, important Huto River crossing, were moving upon Sinho, strategic guerilla centre east of the Peiping-Hankow line.

Hochwang, sixteen kilometers west of Nankung, a guerilla base, was seized yesterday afternoon when four Japanese units closed in upon the town, the field reports said.—Domei.

Spanish Nationalists at Taragone

Victorious Spanish Nationalists seen marching into the town of Taragone on their way to Barcelona, in the drive which resulted in the complete capture of Catalonia by the insurgents. Though Taragone was only a step in the march towards Barcelona, the morale of the victorious troops can be gauged from the picture.

"Too Hot to Handle"

Christ Hunter	Clark Gable
Alma Harding	Myrna Loy
Bill Dennis	Walter Pidgeon
"Gabby" MacArthur	Walter Connolly
Joselito	Leo Carrillo
Parsons	Johnny Hines
Hulda	Virginia Weidler
Mrs. Harding	Betty Ross Clarke
"Pearly" Todd	Henry Kolker
Willie	Willie Fung
"Fake" Hulda	Patsy O'Connor

Starting out at breakneck speed with scenes shifting with startling suddenness and each being filled with hectic noise and action, "Too Hot to Handle" opened its run here before a capacity house at the Nanking Theatre yesterday. War in China is the first objective of the rival American newsreel cameramen and when spectacular action fails to come near them, scenes are faked in miniature. Hot rivairy and more "faking" goes on at one end while the home office executives tear their hair and rant feverishly. Into the midst of the newsreel reporters (Mr. Calrk Gable and Mr. Walter Pidgeon) flies, or rather crashes, an aviatrix (Miss Myrna Loy) who at once is used as a foil in further faking. The principals all return to New York and almost by way of diversion fly low over a burning ammunition ship which virtually explodes in their faces while Mr. Gable grinds out his pictures clinging precariously to a wing. But the best is yet to come. The aviatrix is determined to find her brother lost somewhere in the South American jungle which furnishes the most engrossing situations. With the customary scheming and trickery woven into the action, the party enters the wilderness and eventually effects the rescue only after the most bloodthirsty tribe is awed by various pseudo-magic means. Before things become comfortable again, some remarkable scenes are witnessed, not the least of which is the fire dance. This shows a fierce, barbaric intensity of movement and apparent immunity to fire that is gripping and rather repulsive at the same time. Forcing the emphasis right through to the final fade-out, this romance comes to a close between barking guns of gangsters and police the camera still grinding. Of its type, this film is right at the top despite the early scenes supposed to be (possibly slightly censored) of Shanghai. Those who like their entertainment crowded with action and spectacle should see this picture. The acting is excellent, reputations already high being enhanced, but it is the situations and movement that makes it an unusual piece of entertainment.—R.R.R.

"Law of the Underworld"

Gene Fillmore	Chester Morris
Annabelle	Anne Shirley
Rocky	Eduardo Clannelli
Rogers	Walter Abel
Tommy	Richard Bond
Dorothy	Lee Patrick
Batsy	Paul Guilfoyle
Captain Gargan	Frank M. Thomas
Bill	Eddie Acuff
Eddie	Jack Arnold
Johnny	Jack Carson
Barton	Paul Stanton

Just exactly what the law of the underworld has to do with the picture bearing this title, which opened at the Grand Theatre yesterday, is not quite clear to the reviewed. Incidentally, one of the last phrases that Mr. Chester Morris as the big bad man in the picture, says could apply to the whole cast if slightly changed to: "They could have been used to better advantage," because the whole cast did very well indeed considering the weak plot that they had to interpret and Mr. Chester Morris, in a part that did not suit him at all, at least tried to look convincing at times whilst Miss Anne Shirley, probably was the best of the whole lot. The story centres round a young couple who, desiring to get married, are picked up by a gang and are used as their tools in perpetrating a jewel store robbery. When the head of the gang is implicated by his mistress who really loved one of the other rogues, these "kids," for some reason or other, refuse to betray him and, whilst this may seem very idealistic to some, it is hardly likely that in a similar case in real life, two young people would be on the point of going to the electric chair for somebody who has used them as a tool to perpetrate a crime.—A.S.I.

THE CINEMA

"The Saint in New York"

The Saint	Louis Hayward
Fay Edwards	Kay Sutton
Hutch Rollin	Sig Rumann
Inspector Fernack	Jonathan Hale
Red Jenks	Jack Carson
Hymie Fanro	Paul Guilfoyle
William Valcross	Frederic Burton
Papinoff	Ben Weldon
Vincent Nather	Charles Helton
Sebastian	Cliff Bragdon

All those desiring to see a thriller which is something considerably better than an ordinary thriller, should not miss the chance of seeing. "The Saint In New York," which opened at the Metropol Theatre yesterday afternoon. The RKO-Radio producers could not have made a better choice in picking Mr. Louis Hayward for the rôle of "The Saint." This player will certainly appeal to the Shanghai cinema fans.—he gave good entertainment and stole the picture in practically every scene in which he appeared. The plot in short depicts the likable and uncannily capable manner in which "The Saint" got rid of gangsters, with the climax of the picture reaching its peak when the "The Big fellow's" turn came. He proves to be the least suspected of all the players. Mention must be made of the supporting cast who admirably contributed to make the picture a success. "The Saint In New York" can be well recommended as a fine entertainment, that will appeal to even the most sophisticated fans.

Two musical shorts and, a Walt Disney's cartoon in technicolour preceded this excellent entertainment. —G.B.

Hongkong Loans To China

Hongkong, Feb. 9.

Foreign banks in Hongkong are stated to be granting a loan of Hk.$60,000,000 to China, according to a report appearing in the "China Mail" today.

No confirmation of report can be obtained from any source here.—Reuter.

Henshaw Beats Cape And Return Records

London, Feb. 9.

Alex Henshaw, who set out from Gravesend on the morning of February 5 to break the record for the England-South Africa return flight arrived back at Gravesend at 1.51 p.m. today (G.M.T.) or 9.51 p.m. (Shanghai Time), beating the record by 30 hours and 40 minutes. He took 39½ hours for the journey to Capetown, beating the record by 5½ hours. Henshaw landed at Liberville, in French Equatorial Africa, at 5.50 a.m. on February 6, when he narrowly missed crashing in a ditch. Henshaw left Capetown at 10.18 p.m. on the night of February 7 on his return flight to England.—Reuter.

Naval Aircraft Active Near Pakho

Japanese naval aircraft, on Wednesday, subjected Chinese defences and military transport systems near Pakhoi to repeated bombardments, a Japanese naval spokesman announced in Shanghai yesterday.

A watch-tower in the fortress, trenches and junks operating near Kwantowchiao fortress were blown up he claimed.

Explosions were seen on junks which caught fire emitting heavy smoke. This, the spokesman said, indicated the presence of gasolene or kerosene.

Aerial attacks were also made against barracks situated within the town of Yanhsien, he said. Intensive anti-aircraft machine-gun fire was directed at the Japanese machines near Lungchow, but failed to score any hits, he declared.

China Clipper Arriving Manila February 11

Manila, Feb. 9.

The China Clipper is to arrive here on February 11 and leave for Hongkong the following day, Pan American Airways announced today. The Philippine Clipper, which is at Honolulu at present, is to leave for Alameda.—United Press.

Japanese Parties to Be Merged

Tokyo, Feb. 9.

Moving towards the creation of a new "progressive" party that would challenge the predominating influence of the Minseito and Seiyukai, major parliamentary groups, leaders of the Social Mass Party, the only proletarian political faction in existence, and the Tohokai, rightist agrarian group in the Lower House, conferred on merger plans this afternoon.—Domei.

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Governor of Burma on Recent Disorders

Ministers, Legislature And Press Criticized

Burma, Feb. 9.

Criticism of the actions of Ministers, the Legislature and the press during the recent disorders in Burma was made by the Governor, Sir Archibald Cochrane, in addressing the Senate and the House of Representatives today.

The Governor attributed the difficult times experienced to the inability of members of the Legislature to assist in the guidance of affairs, and to failure to recognize that the House of Representatives should be able to speak for the people of Burma.

It was desirable that those responsible for directing the press should ponder deeply on the extent to which it had been responsible for inflaming feelings and thereby becoming a contributing factor in bringing death and injury to innocent persons. This danger might prove so offensive as to compel the Government to restrain the unbridled license of the press.—Reuter.

Mr. Terasaki Again To Serve Here

Tokyo, Feb. 9.

Hidenari Terasaki, until lately Japanese consul and concurrently Chargé d'Affairs of the Japanese Legation in Cuba, today was appointed Consul and third secretary of the Japanese Embassy in China.

Before proceeding to Havana, Mr. Terasaki was eleve-consul and vice-consul in Shanghai from June 1932 to the spring of 1937.—Domei.

Anti-Tuberculosis Association

The Shanghai Anti-Tuberculosis Association, 41 Tszepang Road, acknowledges with thanks the following gifts, memberships, donations to Seals Campaign, seals sale receipts:

Previously acknowledged	$17,742.13
C.N.G.R.C. (Jan. Instalment)	600.00
Shanghai Refugee Relief Ass'n (Grant for Rations for Jan.)	200.00
American Advisory Committee	15,000.00
Moore Memorial Church	50.00
Shanghai Free Christian Church	50.00
James A. Thomas	200.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. Wegener	20.00
Endeavourers' Sunday School	50.00
C.N.G.R.C. (Feb. Instalment)	600.00
Donations to Seals Campaign	
Anonymous	500.00
Some F.F.F. Members	160.00
A Friend	140.00
A Friend	80.00
A Friend	20.00
Mrs. Lucy Rugbee U.S.A.	30.30
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Mrs. Alex Y. Lee	8.00
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Mrs. Kee Ho Chun	8.00
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Kee Ho Chun	5.00
Mrs. K. K. Kwok	5.00
Dr. D. J. Collins	5.00
Mrs. J. Sylvester	2.00
Peter Lee	2.00
Frank Barker	1.10
Membership Dues	
Previously acknowledged	$774.00
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Ki Chun	100.00
Master Kee Ho Chun	100.00
Mrs. Kee Ho Chun	20.00
Mrs. Chun Chee Shee	2.00
Mrs. Alex Y. Lee	2.00
Mrs. Mabel Chang	2.00
Mrs. T. W. K. Chun	2.00
Seals Sale Receipts	
Mrs. James MacKay	400.00
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Shanghai American School	200.00
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Wing On Company, Ltd.	120.01
Chi Ming School	100.00
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John Wai	100.00
P. S. Page	100.00
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Soochow University	64.48
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Master Morley Chang	50.00
Dr. Lee S. Huizenga	50.00
Sun Sun Company	44.58
Miss Marion Ahrens	42.00
College Municipal Francais	41.65
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Ellis Kadoorie Public School, Chinese	40.00
Nieh Chih Kuei Public School, Chinese	40.00
Mrs. W. Tornroth	40.00
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Miss Harriet Wong	20.00
A. S. Jaspar	20.00
Master Gordon Chun	20.00
Mrs. Ki Chun	20.00
Mrs. K. F. Chun	20.00
T. M. Hsu	20.00
Miss Gladys Chang	20.00
Mrs. M. Mehta	10.00
Miss Grace Yang	10.00
Tseng Sui Primary School	4.10
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Previously acknowledged	U.S.$15.00
Mrs. M. S. Sherman	2.50
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Dr. F. E. Allison	5.00
Dr. Y. S. Leung	15.00
Fenwick Harris	1.00
Miss Judith Phillips	1.00
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C. A. Aspinwall	5.00
Hon. Hiram Bingham	5.00
Mrs. Francis Martin Savage	100.00
Mrs. Mary Hewitt Myers	500.00
Mr. George Hewitt Myers	100.00
Captain Theodore S. Wilkinson	5.00
Mrs. Ernest R. Grant	5.00
Mrs. Perry S. Heath	100.00
Mrs. Henry Alvah Strong	200.00
Mrs. Sarah Stokes Halkett	25.00
	U.S.$1,148.50

Gifts in kind received by the Association's Tuberculosis Hospital and Clinic at 37B Brenan Road. Miss Coomie and Master Phiroz Ragi, two Children Sweaters; Mrs. R. H. Ragi, one Overcoat, one Bundle of clothing.

Holland Will Not Yield Her Possessions

The Hague, Feb. 9.

Holland will never agree to give up any part of her overseas possessions however small it may be, the Finance Minister, Dr. Wetter, declared in the Chamber of Deputies here today.—Havas.

Chungking-Rangoon Survey Flight

Chungking, Feb. 9.

A survey flight from Chungking to Rangoon viâ Kunming, originally scheduled to take place today, has been postponed.

The flight was designed in connection with the projected inauguration of through air mail and passenger services between Chungking and London, as provided for under the recently-concluded agreement between the Chinese Government and Imperial Airways.

The flight, it is expected, will be made some time within the next fortnight.—Reuter.

Hongkong Actress Gets American Papers

Hollywood, Feb. 8.

The English actress, Miss Wendy Barrie, obtained her first citizenship papers here today. She was born in London and is the daughter of the late Mr. F. C. Jenkin, a barrister of Hongkong. Her citizenship will become effective in two years.—United Press.

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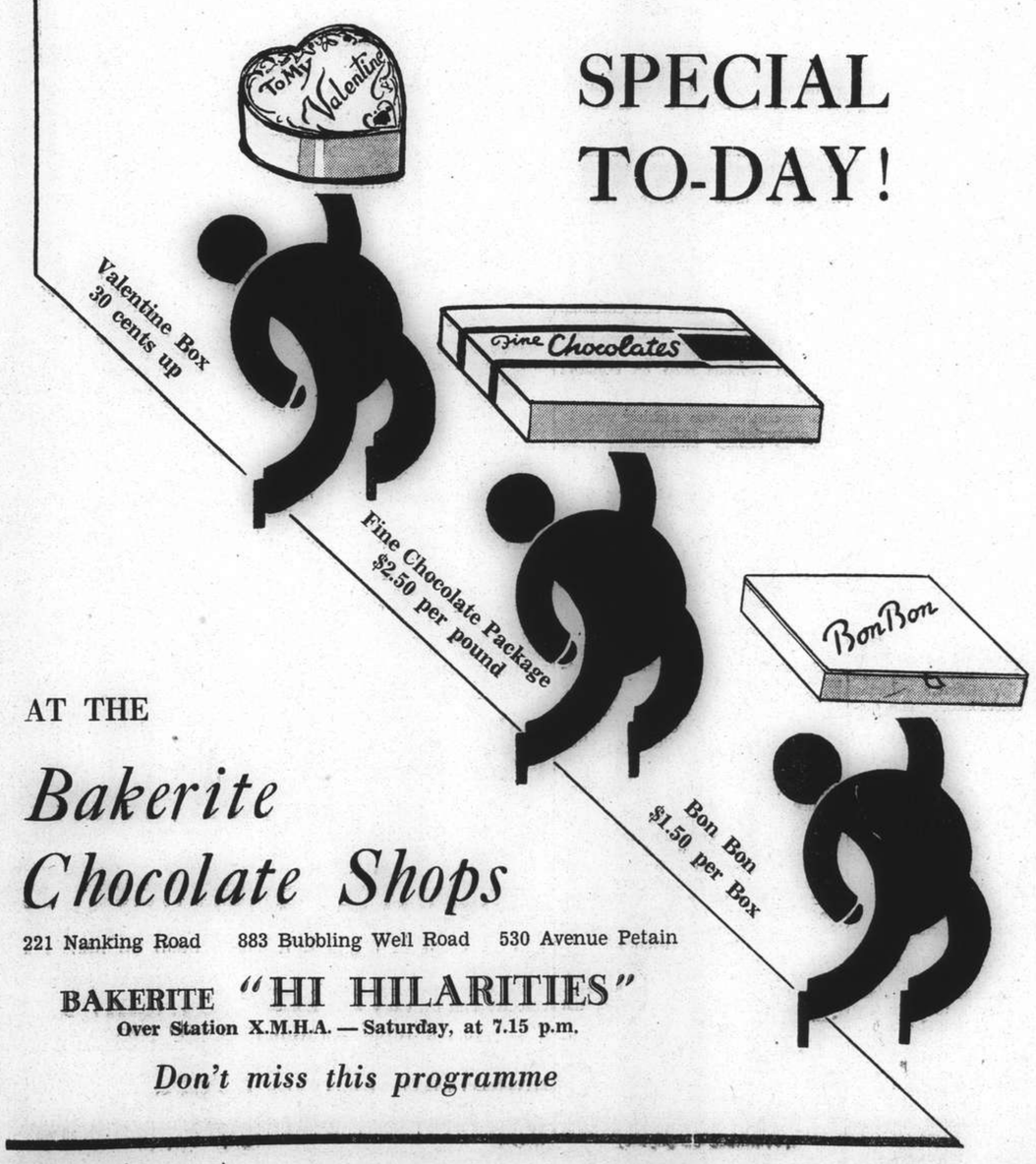

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FROM DAY TO DAY

DR. Robert Ley, head of the German Labour Front, who has been in London attending a conference, was received on Wednesday in private audience by the British Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

MEMBERS of the British Women's Association gardening section are reminded that the annual meeting of the section which takes place today at 10 a.m. at Lady Mossop's, 65 Tunsin Road and not at Headquarters.

DURING January, the Public Library issued 5,429 books to subscribers. 3,806 of fiction and 1,623 of non-fiction. 3,909 persons made use of the reading-rooms during the month. The Library now has 701 subscribers.

A CONFERENCE to discuss the problems of higher education in China will shortly be summoned by General Chiang Kai-shek in Chungking, says the "Sin Wan Pao." All the university presidents, the report adds, will be requested to participate.

MRS. A. Viola Smith, Registrar of the China Trade Act, has received a limited supply of the 1938 United States Corporation Income Tax Returns, which will be available to China Trade Act companies upon request, Room 502, Dollar Building.

IF you have not already made your reservations for the Rangers' St. Valentine Supper Dance at the A.W.C. on February 14, please do so by noon, Saturday, to any member of the 1st Shanghai Ranger Co. or their Captain, Mrs. D. M. Boaler, 1192 Bubbling Well Road.

THE French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bonnet, on Wednesday received Mr. William C. Bullitt, U.S. Ambassador, upon his return from a visit to Washington. The development of the United States' foreign policy was the chief subject discussed at the meeting.

M. PAUL-EMILE Naggiar, new French Ambassador to Soviet Russia and former envoy to China, on Wednesday presented a copy of his credentials to the Foreign Commissar, M. Maxim Litvinov. M. Naggiar yesterday saw the Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Vladimir Potemkine.

ACCORDING to the "Niederdeutsche Beobachter," the Netherlands Premier, Dr. Hendriks Colijn, will personally attend the funeral ceremonies of the late Sir Henri Deterding on the latter's estate at Dobbin. All of Sir Henri Deterding's children are expected to attend the funeral ceremonies.

THE draft of the regulations for floating the proposed $500,000,000 national reconstruction bonds is still being prepared by the Ministry of Finance, says a report to the "Shun Pao." The loans will be used for the reconstruction of South-west China, the report adds.

THE Japanese authorities have decided that gambling dens in Canton may be open on the Lunar New Year, says a Hongkong report to the "Sin Wan Pao." Large numbers of young girls are being sent to Canton to serve as waitresses in an effort to bring better business to the metropolis, the repor adds.

MR. Wu Tao has been appointed by the "Provisional Government" of Peiping to be acting postal commissioner, says a Peiping Chinese message to the "Sin Wan Pao." The postal commissioner in Peiping, Mr. Polleti, an Italian citizen, is still being held in the Western Hills following his kidnapping some time ago, the report adds.

THE Supreme Defence Council will be placed under the control of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang, with General Chiang Kai-shek as Chairman, says a Hongkong report to the "Sin Wan Pao." The constituent members of the Council include the standing members of the Central Executive and Supervisory Committees of the Kuomintang, members of the Military Affairs Commission and the presidents of the five Yuan.

THE Municipal Council today avertises that applications from former stallholders of the Sungpan, Pingliang, Wayside, Tsitsihar, and Liaoyang Markets for stall-space will be received by the Health Inspector at either of the undermentioned Branch Health Offices:—3 Northern Branch Health Office, 270 N. Fokien Road, Tuesday afternoons from 2—4 p.m. 3 Eastern Branch Health Office, 133 Chusan Road, Friday afternoons from 2—4 p.m.

AMONG those who left London and other ports in the ss. Rawalpindi on January 13 for Shanghai, where she is due on February 20, were—Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Chapman and Child Mr. and Mrs. Charters and two children Mr. and Mrs. J. Linford; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Mudford and child; Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Page; Mr. S. A. Sayer and Miss Sayer; Mrs. E. C. Avery; Mrs. C. Baker and child; Mrs. Wardell; Mrs. L. E. Young and three children; Miss A. Carew; Miss E. M. Crowther; Miss D. M. A. Leathers; Miss F. S. Major; Capt. Freeman-Thomas and Messrs. A. E. Aust, R. Cullen, J. R. Diack, G. Goodwin, C. R. Hargreaves, and W. T. Ware.

PRINCE Sha, Chairman of the Suiyuan Mongolian Political Council, accompanied by his wife and children, arrived in Chungking from Shensi by air on February 8, says a Chinese message to the "Wen Wei Pao." The Mongolian prince is making the trip in order to assume office as a member of the Central Government, the report adds. Interviewed by pressmen, Prince Sha revealed that the Ikchao Mongolian and other leagues are now training a large Mongolian army preparatory to participating in the national resistance, the report concludes.

A CABARET-DANCE is being held at the Astoria Dance Salon, Charing Cross Road, London, on St. Valentine' Night, February 14. The Dance is being held under the patronage of His Excellency the Chinese Ambassador and Madame Quo, who will attend the function. All the proceeds of the dance are to the China Medical Fund of the London Chinese Women's Relief Committee for the assistance of Civilian War Sufferers. Joe Loss and his orchestra and Jack White and his Collegians will provide the music for dancing and there will also be a large cabaret and floor show at which a number of famous Stars have kindly assented to assist. In the appeal which Mr. M. D. Ewart, formerly of Hankow, one of the Joint Secretaries of the Organizing Committee of "China Night," is sending out, he states that the need for medical supplies is particularly great and urgent.

Monocacy Gone To "Davy Jones"

Famous Gunboat Taken to Sea and Scuttled; End of Distinguished Career

Consigned to "Davy Jones' Locker," last resting place of many famous old ships, the U.S.S. Monocacy, at one time flagship of the United States Yangtze Patrol, sailed from Shanghai on her last voyage yesterday morning.

Taken in tow by the steam tug, Pauline Moller, the Monocacy left the Standard Oil Company's Wharf with Lieut. Comdr. Larner and a detail of sailors aboard, and at dusk yesterday evening reached a point off the Saddle Islands in deep water. Here her skeleton crew the last American sailors to walk on her decks—opened her overboard discharge and intake valves.

As the waters of the China Sea rushed into her engine and firerooms, the Monocacy gradually sank lower in the sea and the three men responsible for her end were taken off by the Pauline Moller, which pulled away as the sea rolled over the old gunboat.

At the same point where the Monocacy went down lie two other American warships, the U.S.S. Villalobos and the U.S.S. Quiros. Both these vessels were taken from Spain during the Spanish-American war and, after years of service in the Far East under the United States flag, were scuttled at the same point.

Familiar Figure

The U.S.S. Monocacy was built at Mare Island in San Francisco in 1914. She was then dismantled and shipped to Shanghai in parts. Here she was re-assembled at the Kiangnan Dockyards and commissioned for service on the Yangtze Patrol.

For a short while the United States was at war with Germany in 1917 and before China had entered the conflict on the side of the Allies, the Monocacy was interned at Hankow.

The Monocacy had a record of 24 years' service on the rivers of China and along the Yangtze River she was a familiar sight, having called at every port on the river from here to Chungking.

On one occasion she also ventured out into the China Sea and sailed down the coast and up the Min River to Foochow. Monocacy is the name of a river in the United States and the scuttled gunboat was the second U. S. warship to bear this name.

Case Against American Firm Adjourned

Many Witnesses Questioned Concerning Sian Waterworks

Mr. M. Troitzky, an employee of Messrs. Minutti & Co., was the first witness to be questioned in the United States Court for China yesterday morning at the resumed hearing of the case in which Poan Young-foo, local Chinese building contractor, demands of the China Foreign Trade Corporation, the payment of three different amounts totalling $39,000 which plaintiff alleges are due him for work already completed in connection with the construction of a new waterworks by Sianfu (Shensi).

Witness stated that he had been at Sian on two occasions in 1936 and in 1937 and went on to say that cement, particularily for this type of work, must be very fresh and that consequently no large quantity can be stored at one time. He also gave details as to the extent of the work that had been completed when he was last in Sian in August 1937.

Two employees of the plaintiff then gave evidence. Mr. Shen Tien-hui, the secretary of plaintiff's company, stated that on July 15, 1937, he applied to the defendants to have a pass issued which would permit the transportation to the point of construction, of certain materials, at one half of the ordinary rate. He also said that the permit was received from the plaintiff about two or three days before August 13. The other witness, Pao Kun-ming, who works in the accounting department of plaintiff's firm, said that when he received the permit on August 10 or 11, he went to Markham Road railway station and asked the station-master to arrange for rolling stock to transport certain materials to Sian.

No Rolling-stock Available

The station-master, according to the witness, said that there was no rolling-stock available and that consequently, the witness claimed, it was impossible to convey the construction materials to Sian.

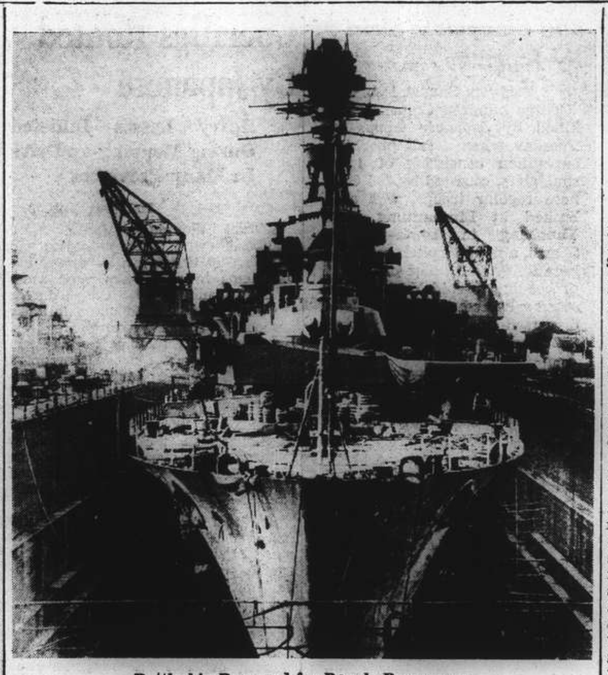
The plaintiff, on oath, stated that he had ordered all the cement required for the completion of the contract but that he had specified deliveries to be taken at regular intervals so that the cement would arrive in Sian in a fresh condition. He furthermore stated that there were still 30 workmen at Sian at the present moment but that no work was being done at present, as even if there had been cement at Sian, they could not go on with the construction unless the pipes, which defendants are alleged to have failed to deliver, were on the spot. Witness then gave details as to the extent of the work so far done.

Mr. H. D. Rodger, on behalf of defendants, asked leave to enable his client to send an engineer to Sian, whilst Dr. A. Albini for the plaintiff said that he felt that the case was quite clear inasmuch as that his party had admitted that certain work had not been completed and had given the reason for this.

Judge M. J. Helmick then adjourned the case until March 1.

Defamation Charges in District Court

Another hearing of the private criminal suit brought by Mrs. S. Rosenberg-Schauss against her ex-husband Dr. William Rosenberg, who was alleged to have written several letters damaging to her reputation, was held yesterday in the First Special District Court. The letters were shown in court but Dr. Rosenberg counter-charged his former wife also with defamation, alleging that in a divorce petition filed by her with a German court against him she said something damaging to his reputation as a professional man. She denied this. The judge advised her to withdraw the case so that they might patch up their differences and be friends, but she refused to follow the advice. The judge, therefore, ruled that he would announce his decision on February 16.



Battleship Prepared for Royal Passengers

H.M. battle-cruiser Repulse is pictured in drydock at Portsmouth as she is prepared to take Their Majesties across the Atlantic in May for visit to the United States and Canada. The Admiral's Quarters in the stern of the vessel are being elaborately redecorated to turn them into a royal suite.

Officials Harried By Kidnappers

Gang Forces Them to Pay Month's Salary for Their Freedom; Alarm Caused

Officials of the new Greater Shanghai City Government are reported to be changing their appearance in order to deceive the eyes of kidnappers who of late have carried away several high officials and released them only after ransom money has been paid. Those wearing foreign clothes have changed their attire into that of Chinese and many have shaved off their moustaches.

The usual trick of kidnappers, who are said to be former Greater Shanghai policemen in disguise who keep body and soul together by extortion, is to carry away their victims, who are blind-folded, to unknown destinations and to release them only after they have paid sums equal to their monthly salaries. Under threat of death, they warn their victims against giving information to the Japanese or city government authorities.

Mr. Tang Wen-yuan, secretary of the City Government who was kidnapped while waiting for a bus in Hongkew on Monday and released the next day after paying $300, is not the only official who has suffered this painful experience. Mr. Chang Kwang-chao, head of the second department of the city regime, and even Mr. Chang Peh-liang, a department head of the police bureau, are said to have been kidnapped by this well-organized gang, who treat their victims also as "traitors."

When their victims cannot give enough money to meet their demands, they confiscate their Japanese passes carried and ask them to go to office to fetch money. Only when the full amount demand has been paid will they return the passes.

The kidnappers are said to be former policemen dismissed by the mayor since the attempt on his life was made last year by a policeman who was shot dead in a fight with the mayor's bodyguards. Thus, in addition to the anti-Japanese assassins in the Settlement, Chinese officials working in the Japanese supported government here are also constantly menaced by the existence in their own territory of a kidnapping gang which victimizes officials only.

OBITUARY

Mrs. L. F. Buchanan

The death of Mrs. L. F. Buchanan, which, as already announced in this paper, occurred at Kobe on Wednesday, February 1, removes another of the landmarks from among the older residents of Shanghai dating back to the 1860's.

Mrs. Buchanan's husband, the late Captain W. G. Buchanan, passed away on October 19, 1930, and they have three daughters, Mrs. E. F. Bateman and Mrs. A. E. Pearson, who are both in England, and Mrs. F. W. Mackie of Kobe. There are also three grandsons, G. M. and I. B. Bateman and G. W. Mackie; two-grand-daughters, Laura Mackie and Loy Shirras (née Pearson); and one great-grandson, Nan Shirras.

Captain Buchanan was a member of the Shanghai Licensed Pilots Association and after his retirement from active service he and Mrs. Buchanan usually spent the summer in Japan, returning to Shanghai in the autumn. Since the summer of 1937 Mrs. Buchanan has resided with her youngest daughter, Mrs. Mackie, in Kobe, where she passed away peacefully on February 1 after an illness lasting about a month. The body was cremated and brought to Shanghai for burial, a service being held yesterday in the Chapel at the Bubbling Well Road Cemetery. The Very Reverend Dean A.C.S. Trivett officiated and there were many friends present to pay their last respects to the memory of the deceased.

The sympathy of all will be extended to Mrs. Buchanan's three daughters and her grand-children in their bereavement.

Admiral Kanji Kato

Atami, Feb. 9.

Admiral Kanji Kato, former Chief of the Naval General Staff and a veteran of the Russo-Japanese War, died here at 2.33 o'clock this morning. He suffered a stroke of apoplexy on February 3. He was 69. Admiral Kato served as a gunner on board the flagship of Admiral Heihachiro Togo in the Japan Sea battle.—Domei.

Dr. T. Ikeda

Tokyo, Feb. 9.

Dr. Torajiro Ikeda, President of the Supreme Court, died today of pneumonia at the age of 60.—Reuter.

Japan Plans Central China Fisheries

Tokyo, Feb. 9.

Marine industries in Central China waters will be under the supervision of the Central China Fisheries Company, Mr. Yaohachi Tanaka, Director of the Fisheries Bureau in the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry announced at the fifth budgetary sub-committee sessions of the Lower House this afternoon.

Plans were being launched to establish a fishery company in North China similar to that in Central China, he added. According to present plans, the tonnage and number of trawlers in the Eastern Sea, the Yellow Sea, and Pechili Bay will not be increased. Mr. Tanaka declared. Concerning the South China fishery industry, measures would be formulated according to future developments there, Mr. Tanaka remarked.—Domei.

Journalists Threatened In "Pidgin" English

Nine Mentioned in Letter From "Righteous" Group

The French Police and the Settlement Police were yesterday investigating the alleged sending of letters, in "pidgin" English, threatening a number of foreign and Chinese journalists and writers, most of whom are at present in Shanghai.

The letter, it is reported, "pronounces to death" on Mr. Carroll D. Alcott, reporter and radio commentator; Messrs. Randall Gould and M. C. Ford, of the "Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury"; Mr. J. B. Powell, of the "China Weekly Review"; Miss Agnes Smedley; Signor Amleto Vespa; Mr. H. J. Timperley; Mr. J. A. E. Sanders Bates and Mr. Kwei Chung-shu.

According to the report, the threats emanate from the "Society of Most Honorable and Righteuse of True Chinese."

Novel Plea in Court

Boo Yah-zung, a bag snatcher, surrendered himself at the Chengtu Road Police Station on Wednesday night because he had been converted to Christianity by a street sermon which he heard the other day. He was brought before the First Special District Court yesterday and remanded in custody pending the announcement of a judgment next week. He frankly confessed to the crime. The bag which he snatched five days ago from a woman walking on Avenue Edward VII had been pawned to a French Concession pawnshop.

A six months campaign by the Chief Constable of Lancashire to reduce accidents by advice and admonition, instead of by summonses and fines, resulted in a reduction of 46 per cent.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that owing to the non-performance of "Pêcheur de Perles" ticket holders are requested to apply for refund at the Metropol Theatre, Yu Ya Ching Road as from February 10 to February 16, 1939, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. No ticket will be refunded after February 16, 1939.

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The fund of the Salvation Army yesterday had passed the half-way mark in the Army's campaign for $40,000, it was announced by Brigadier B. Morris, commanding officer. The total was $20,398 and with an uninterrupted stream of large and small donations coming in. "We are now confident that the fund will reach the $25,000 mark this week," Brigadier Morris said yesterday.

Donations received yesterday ranged from $1 to $100, six of the latter being received and 11 donations of $50 each. Contributions should be sent to the Army's temporary headquarters, 57 Nanking Road.

In connection with the present somewhat slow response of the Chinese Community, many Chinese shopowners and managers, conversant with and admirers of the Army's work for the Chinese of Shanghai, have stated that they have contributed substantially to the fund of the Shanghai Refugee Relief Association, these shopowners and managers suggesting that perhaps the Association will aid the Army with a worthwhile donation.

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4—500 yd. flat.—1, Ah Liang; 2, Livex. ½ length.—Time, 30.87. Win, $19.60. Forecast (5-1) Div. $70.20. Place, 1st $9.60; 2nd $9.10. Double Event 3/4 (4-5) Div. $176.80.

5—500 yd. flat.—1, Shenkoland II; 2, Luss Shore. 1½ length.—Time, 30.88. Win, $29.10. Forecast (4-2) Div. $90.40. Place, 1st $12.70; 2nd $9.90. Double Event 4/5 (5-4) Div. $31.50.

6—500 yd. flat.—1, Pai Koo; 2, Gitana. A head.—Time, 30.30. Win, $15.20. Forecast (2-5) Div. $65.20. Double Event 5/6 (4-2) Div. $39.30.

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8—500 yd. flat.—1, Little Marquis, Nanette, D.H. Dead heat.—Time, 30.28. Win, $10.20, $8.20. Forecast (2-6, 6-2), Div. $28.60, $26.60. Place, 1st 1$0.40; 2nd $9.30. Double Event 7/8 (3-2, 3-6). Div. $14.20.

9—500 yd. flat.—1, Dalesan; 2, Black Duchess. 3½ lengths.—Time, 30.36. Win, $22.50. Forecast (4-3) Div. $65.10. Place, 1st $9.50; 2nd $8.30. Double Event 8/9 (2-4, 6-4). Div. $14.90, $18.70.

10—500 yd. flat.—1, Lieutenant; 2, Young Talgai. 1 length.—Time, 29.99. Win, $29.30. Forecast (5-4) Div. $91.40. Place, 1st $16.60; 2nd $11.20. Double Event 9/10 (4-5) Div. $58.50.

11—525 yd. flat.—1, Lido; 2, Radio. 1½ length.—Time, 30.98. Win, $13.80. Forecast (6-1) Div. $45.80. Place, 1st $12.20; 2nd $10.10. Double Event 10/11 (5-6) Div. $36.60.

12—525 yd. flat.—1, Miss Hummer; 2, Brilliance. 8 lengths.—Time, 31.17. Win, $15.40. Forecast (6-2) Div. $44.40. Place, 1st $8.20; 2nd $9.20. Double Event 11/12 (6-6) Div. $20.20.

Silk Representations At Chungking

Chungking, Feb. 9.

Mr. Lo Ching-hua, chairman of the Shanghai Silk Merchants' Association, is reported to have made a special trip to Chungking to interview the authorities concerning an alleged misunderstanding in regard to Shanghai silk shipped to Chungking, which, it is alleged, has frequently been subject to fines by the Chungking Anti-Japanese Association.

Mr. Lo is said to have expressed the hope that the Chungking authorities would honour certificates issued by his Association and waive examination of silk from Shanghai.—Reuter.

THE famous Red Spears Society in Shantung has come to life again in a recent battle with the Japanese in the districts of Hanchun and Anchiakou, Kiangsu province, says a Chinese message to the "Sin Wan Pao." When the Japanese attempted to advance upon the two districts on February 3, the Red Spears voluntarily joined hands with the Chinese mobile units and succeeded in repelling the invaders.

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Philippines Build "Mosquito Navy"

Speedy Torpedo-Boats Of British Design to Guard Coast Lines

Washington, Feb. 8.

Naval experts here are watching with keen interest the Philippines' plan to protect its coastline with a fleet of speedy "mosquito craft."

The announcement that the first consignment of the little torpedo boats now under construction in England, will be delivered to the Commonwealth government shortly prompted discussion in naval circles as to the value of such craft for defence purposes.

Experts are agreed that these vessels are the best protection possible for a small nation unable or unwilling to pour millions of dollars into a fleet of major power proportions. They are particularly well-suited for the Philippines because of the islands' broken coastline.

A fleet of these vessels could not hope to match the force of a major sea power, but observers believe that if handled expertly they could cause considerable trouble to an attacking force and possibly hold off the enemy until an ally could rush to the scene.

Navy experts say that among the chief advantages of a mosquito fleet is the ease with which the vessels can be concealed, their great speed and manœuvrability, and their adaptability to surprise attack. Supported by aircraft and a well trained and well armed land force, experts say the mosquito fleet should be able to provide the islands with a protection unequalled at the cost.—United Press.

Steps Against Illegal Fishing

Manila, Feb. 8.

Steps against illegal Japanese fishing in Philippines waters were outlined today in a bill stipulating increases from two years imprisonment and 2,000 pesos fine to ten years imprisonment and 10,000 pesos fine for violations of the law requiring that certain industries be controlled by Americans and Filipinos possessing at least sixty per cent. of the stock.

The Bill was introduced by Sr. Claudio Sandoval, Assemblyman, as a result of charges against scores of Japanese illegally fishing in Philippines waters through the use of "dummy" Filipino and American capital holders.—United Press.

Commons Anxious Over Colonies

Jewish Settlements In Tanganyika Not To Be Facilitated

London, Feb. 9.

Colonial matters, with particular reference to Tanganyika, figured in a series of questions in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

When asked about the objects of the German scientists and experts, who have left Germany for an eight-months' expedition in East Africa, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Secretary of State for the Colonies, said he could add nothing to the statements which have appeared in the press.

"The Governors of Kenya and Tanganyika," he added, "have been informed of the proposed visit, but no special facilities will be granted.

"The Governors of these territories are fully alive to the necessity of ensuring that there shall be no undesirable propaganda. If anything undesirable or improper is done in connection with this expedition, the authorities on the spot will give the matter their careful attention."

Jews in Tanganyika

In replying to another question, Mr. MacDonald said he was not prepared to encourage the emigration of German settlers from Tanganyika and to facilitate the settlement of Jewish refugees upon the land thus vacated, with a view to securing a more loyal population in these areas as well as contributing to the solution of the refugee problem.

Mr. MacDonald revealed in a reply to another question that the Governor of Tanganyika had already submitted a preliminary report on a possible Jewish settlement in that territory.

Regarding the settlement of Jews in British Guiana, the Colonial Secretary said that a committee of investigation which was going to the Colony, would begin its inquiries within the next few days.

It was impossible to say, he added, how long the investigation would take but it certainly would be a matter of several weeks before the commission's report could be expected.—Reuter.

Lord Chatfield at Cabinet Meeting

London, Feb. 9.

Lord Chatfield, the new Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence, who was sworn a member of the Privy Council on February 7, made his first appearance in the Cabinet yesterday at the ordinary weekly meeting.—Wireless through Reuter.

GENERAL Chen Chien, Director of the Generalissimo's Northwest Headquarters, arrived in Sian, capital of Shensi, from Chungking by air on February 5, says a Sian Chinese message to the "Wen Wei Pao." General Chen, who will assume office shortly, was welcomed by high officials of the Shensi Provincial Government at the aerodrome, says the message.

999,999 More Embargo Signatures Wanted

Josephine Truslow Adams, art teacher at Swarthmore College and direct descendant of President John Q. Adams, is shown on the steps of the United States Capitol in Washington D.C., as she puts the first signature on a petition to lift the embargo against Spain. The petition will have 1,000,000 signatures when completed.

Moscow Reports New Clash With Japanese Troops

Argun River Island Becomes Scene of Fight; Ten Japanese Casualties Alleged

Moscow, Feb. 8.

SOVIET and Japanese-Manchoukuoan troops clashed on an Argun River Island near Novotsurukhaitui for the third time in ten days yesterday, the Soviet Government announced today.

An official communique said Japanese-Manchoukuo troops attacked island 227 on Tuesday and Wednesday in a repetition of the alleged Japanese invasion of the island on January 31. On Tuesday five Japanese soldiers were reported killed or wounded. Wednesday's battle, the most serious thus far, resulted in ten Japanese casualties including one officer, and three Soviet casualties, one of whom died, the communique said.

The Soviet Charge d'Affaires in Tokyo has been instructed to lodge a second strong protest with the Japanese Government against the alleged invasion of Soviet territory by Japanese-Manchoukuoan troops. The protest again warned Japan of the "possible consequences" of such violations of the Soviet border.

The communique announcing the latest clash said the island being disputed by the Japanese was awarded to Russia in a treaty with China signed in 1911. The island on which fighting occurred yesterday was the same island on which fighting broke out on January 31.—United Press.

Japan Protests to Soviets

Tokyo, Feb. 9.

Japan protested to the Soviet Union today against an alleged case of "unwarrantable" opposition to a Japanese coal concessions in North Saghalien. The protest, based on a Soviet newspaper editorial, was handed to the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Maxim Litvinov, by the Japanese Ambassador in Moscow.

Japanese reports said the new case concerns the Sakai Company's former coal concession at Agnewo which was said to have been granted under the Soviet-Japanese treaty of 1925.

The concession was said to have been transferred later to the North Sakhalien Coal Mining Co. The Soviet Government, the reports said, attempted to recover the concession last year, but abandoned the plan in April, 1938.

The Japanese protest was said to have been based on a report appearing in the organ of the Soviet Executive Committee of North Sakhalien which recently announced the Soviet Union had recovered the concession and would work the Agnewo coal mine without the knowledge of the Japanese concessionnaire.—United Press.

Mongols Repulsed

Hailar, Feb. 9.

Manchoukuo border patrols repulsed after hours of fighting several Outer Mongol cavalrymen who had crossed into Manchoukuo at a spot east of Lake Buir in northern Hsingan Province on January 27, Domei learned here today. The Mongols left behind two dead, one wounded and several light machine-guns.—Domei.

Commons Queries Over U-Boats

Germany's Submarine Building in Accord With Treaty Rights

London, Feb. 9.

Germany's decision to mount 8-inch guns instead of 6-inch guns on her new 10,000-ton cruiser Seydlitz and to increase her submarine tonnage up to the British total, was the subject of seven questions on the House of Commons Order Paper yesterday.

The questions were answered by Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Financial Secretary of the Admiralty, who, in a long statement, made it clear that the German decisions were in accordance with the rights conferred upon them in the Anglo-German Naval agreement.

The Admiralty, he said, was unable to agree that Germany's exercise of her treaty rights was a threat to Great Britain or anyone else.

The German standpoint in reaching these decisions, Mr. Shakespeare continued, was that, in the present conditions of international affairs, Germany no longer was prepared to refrain from developing her naval forces to the full extent permitted by the treaty.

Gradual Increases

The Germans had stated, he added, that their increase in submarine tonnage from 45 per cent. to equal tonnage with the British, would be gradual.

Mr. Shakespeare declared that the increased submarine tonnage was not affected by the over-riding condition that the total tonnage of the German Navy may not exceed 35 per cent. of the aggregate tonnage of the British Navy.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, Labour member for the Hillsborough division of Sheffield, asked what steps the Admiralty proposed to take to protect British shipping and British interests against this threat.

Mr. Shakespeare advised Mr. Alexander to await the presentation of Naval estimate, when account would be taken of all the factors of naval development in any part of the world.—Reuter.

Japanese Budget Will Pass Lower House

Tokyo, Feb. 9.

Passage of the Y.3,694,752,000 ordinary budget for the 1939-40 fiscal year through the House of Representatives was assured today as the Minseito and the Seiyukai, majority parties, announced their decision to approve the appropriations bills as submitted by by the Government.—Domei.

Bastardy Bill Read Twice in Lords

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 9.

A second reading of the Bastardy (blood test) Bill was given in the House of Lords yesterday. The Bill provides that the Courts may, upon the application of one party of affiliation in the case, order a blood test to be made of all three parties—the applicant, the child and the defendant.

Lord Dawson spoke for the Bill, which he claimed had the support of the scientific world.—Reuter.

Eire Strengthens State Powers

Two Bills in Dail Aimed Against All Extremist Groups

Dublin, Feb. 8.

Mr. Patrick J. Ruttledge, Minister of Justice for Eire, introduced two Bills yesterday afternoon in the Dail to deal with extremist elements. They were aimed at the suppression of bodies like the Irish Republican Army.

The first Bill makes provision for dealing with actions and conduct "clearly calculated to undermine public order, and the authority of the State."

In addition to providing for punishment for persons guilty of offences against the State, the Bill will regulate and control, in the public interest, the movements of associations. The Bill will also provide for principal criminal courts, with constitutional powers of jurisdiction.

The second Bill provides for the punishment of treason, and certain auxiliary offences. It will repeal the existing treason law, passed in 1925, and make this law more up-to-date.

Labour Opposition

Mr. William Norton, the Laboor Party leader, said the members of the Labour Party would oppose the Bills. The country, he said had not been so peaceful for years.

Mr. Ruttledge, however, stated that a certain body had issued a proclamation in December, taking over alleged powers from a certain other body and holding itself out as the Government. The Government, declared the Minister of Justice, would not tolerate such an action, which amounted to a challenge.—Reuter.

German Skiers Suffer From Chilblains

Tokyo, Feb. 9.

Weak from exposure to cold for two days and a night, the two German skiers who became lost in the Shiga Plateau on the Nagano and Gumma prefectural border early this week, were in bad shape when they staggered into a charcoal burner's hut on Tuesday evening, says a report reaching here from Karuizawa.

Herr Wolfgang Ulbricht, of Shanghai, escaped with a comparatively slight case of chilblains, but Herr E. Weskott, his companion from Kobe, is barely able to walk from swollen feet and arms. The two 25-year old Germans, both employees of "Defag," were to leave for Tokyo today. Physicians said they would recover.—Domei.

Japanese Lose Hope For U-Boat Crew

Tokyo, Feb. 9.

The Japanese Navy today abandoned all hope for the rescue of 81 men who sank on the submarine 1-63 after a collision in Bungo Channel last week. Informed quarters said the submarine sank with her hatches open and that rescue workers had not yet completed the removal of bodies from the submarine because of the great depth of the channel. Six persons, including the commander, were rescued after being washed off the deck of the submarine when it collided with another submarine during fleet manœuvres.—United Press.

More Men Charged for Sabotage in England

London, Feb. 9.

Two more men were brought before courts yesterday on charges in connection with the recent bomb outrages. They were remanded.—Wireless through Reuter.

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300 Smugglers Slain By Japanese

Taiyuan, Shansi, Feb. 9.

Three hundred Chinese were killed by Japanese troops on Tuesday when a salt poaching expedition consisting of 1,000 smugglers, escorted by 200 Chinese regular troops, was ambushed at Liushantung near Yuncheng in south-western Shansi, a field dispatch reaching here today said. The band was proceeding to raid Yuncheng, a noted salt producing centre. The dispersed smugglers left behind 252 horses.—Domei.

French Warships in Collision

Three Dead, Nine Missing In Mishap in Fog

Lorient, Feb. 8.

Three men were killed and nine are missing following a collision today between the cruiser Georges Leygues and the destroyer Bison.

The smaller vessel was seriously damaged, the fore part being practically cut in two. The fatalities occurred on the Bison, and the missing men belonged to her crew.

The accident was off Penmarch (Brittany) in thick fog. The ships were then on their way to Quiberon. The cruiser, hardly damaged, took the Bison in tow.—Havas.

IT is reliably reported that Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands will pay a state visit to Belgium towards the end of May. The dates for the Brussels visit of the Netherlands Queen are given as from May 23 to 26. This will be the return visit of the King of the Belgians to Holland in November, 1938.

Guerillas Routed By Japanese

Heavy Losses Inflicted During Mopping-up Drive In Many Provinces

Hankow, Feb. 9.

Several thousand guerilla were scattered with heavy losses in mopping-up drives by Japanese detachments in widely-separated areas in North and Central China during the past few days, Japanese military authorities stated yesterday.

A wedding ceremony for the son of a guerilla chief was interrupted when a Japanese garrison at Wulitien, in south-eastern Honan, launched a surprise attack in the vicinity of Yuankiawan, 18 kilometres north-east of Sinyang on the Peiping-Hankow Railway. The guerillas and wedding guests fled pell mell, leaving 20 dead and quantities of arms and ammunition.

South of the Yangtze a Japanese detachment at Shawei, 20 kilometres north of Tungcheng in south-eastern Hupeh near the Hunan-Kiangsi border, engaged about 130 guerillas and put them to flight. Forty guerillas attempted a counter-attack in the evening but were repulsed.

Japanese troops garrisoned at Siaochikow, opposite Kiukiang, repulsed an attack by about 2,000 guerillas armed with trench mortars and machine guns. Though the Chinese outnumbered the Japanese troops 20 to one they were routed after a battle lasting one hour, according to a message from Kiukiang.

Guerillas in this area were Communists with a base of operations near Susung, 45 kilometres north-east of Siaochikow. Mopping-up operations against them were being continued.

Japanese troops killed 60 guerillas and captured 12 in a clash with 200 north-east of Quinsan. Ten rifles and a quantity of ammunition were captured.

Another Japanese garrison attacked a force of guerillas near Mt. Maotai, west of Changhsing, south-west of Lake Tai, and dispersed them with heavy losses, a message from Nanking stated.

A Japanese detachment operating in Hopei captured Howkow, an important town on the left bank of the Fuyang River, after routing about 1,500 guerillas on Wednesday morning, according to a message from Shihchiachwang.—Domei.

Burma Has New National Flag

His Majesty Approves Design of Emblem

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Feb. 9.

As a recognition of the position of Burma as a unit of the Empire, His Majesty has approved of a national flag.

The flag approved is a Blue Ensign, bearing in the fly an emblem of a peacock in natural colours on a circular gold background. The peacock is generally regarded as the national emblem of Burma.—Reuter.

Opposition to Put Down Vote of Censure

London, Feb. 9.

It is stated that the Labour Opposition in the House of Commons have decided to put down a vote of censure on the subject of unemployment. The motion, it is expected, will be taken next week.—Wireless through Reuter.

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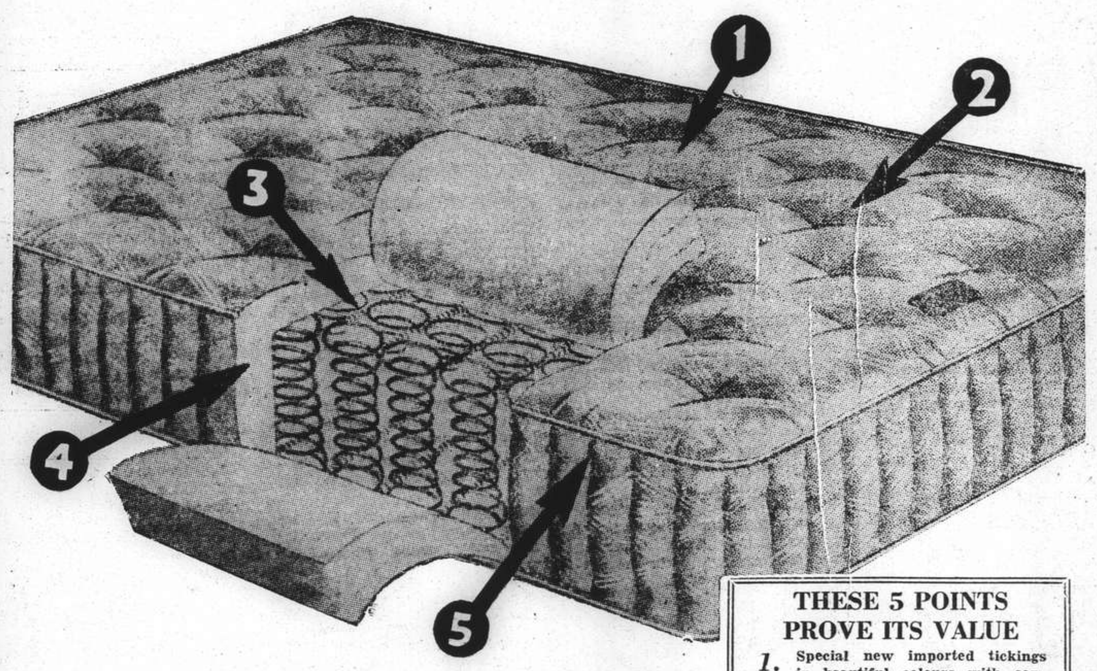

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Money and Exchange

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1939

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 5/32 .... $29.43
U.S. $100 @ 15 15/16 .... $627.45

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

£1 @ 8 9/32 .... $28.981
U.S. $100 @ 16 3/16 .... $617.76
London—demand 8 9/32
4 months' sight credits 8 5/16
4 months' sight docts 8⅜
6 months' sight credits 8 11/32
6 months' sight docts 8 13/32
New York—demand .... U.S. $16 3/16
4 months' sght credits 16¼
4 months' sight docts 16⅜
Paris—4 months' sight docts Fcs. nom.

INTERBANK CLOSING SELLING RATES

Sterling .... 8 11/64 U.S. $15 15/16
Hongkong/London 1/2 15/16

Chartered Bank

Canadian $100 @ 15¾ $634.92
Hongkong $54⅛ $100.00

Netherlands Trading Society

Netherlands Guilders ......Buying 29⅞
Java Guilders .... „ 29¾
Netherlands Guilders ......Selling 29⅜
Java Guilders .... „ 29¼

American Express Co., Inc.

Buying U.S.$100=$617.761 £1=$28.981
Selling U.S.$100=$627.451 £1=$29.425

Banque Belge Pour L'Etranger

Belgas 0.94=$1 Belgas 27.60=£1

Italian Bank for China

It. Lire 2.96=$1 Swiss Frs. 0.70¼=$1
Tourist Lire 3.28 .... $1

Other Quotations

Berlin/Hamburg T.T. $100=Rm. 39½
$100=Reg. Mk. 80.00 incl. License fee

Local Exchange Report

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTERBANK CASH DELIVERY

	Highest	Lowest
£	8 3/32	8 11/64
U.S. G.$	16 1/32	15 15/16
Yen	—	—

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

Selling Cash		Buying February	
£. T.T.	8 5/32	4 m/s. l.c.	8¼
G.$ T.T.	15⅞	4 m/s. l.c.	16⅛
Fcs. T.T.	601	4 m/s.	613
Rs. T.T.	45⅜	15 d/s.	45⅞

BAR SILVER

	Ready	For'd
London pence per std. oz.	20⅛	19¾
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	42¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	52.06	—

Bombay offtake 30 bars.

London silver was unchanged for ready and 1/16 down forward, being 20⅛ for ready and 19¾ forward. New York was unchanged at 42¾ and Bombay was unchanged at 52.06.

It was reported market quiet and featureless. After the official fixing the market ruled steady, but idle.

The local exchange market opened with sellers to merchants at 8 5/32 sterling and 15 15/16 U.S.$.

The Interbank market was uncertain and very irregular. At the opening there were sellers for cash at 8 11/64 sterling and 16 U.S.$ but there were buyers at these rates soon after the opening and with periodical fluctuations declined to sellers at 8 5/32 sterling and 16 1/32 U.S.$.

At the close there were sellers at:

8 11/64	sterling	15 15/16	U.S.$	Cash
8 5/32	„	15 29/32	„	Feb.
8⅛	„	15 27/32	„	Mar.
8 3/32	„	15¾	„	Apr.

Foreign Exchanges

Bombay Rupee T. T. on: Feb. 8.

Japan	78⅝	London	1/5 31/32
New York	286⅛	2 mths	
Shanghai	49	„ (Sellers)	1/5 31/32
Hongkong	85¾	„ (Buyers)	1/5 31/32

London £ Sterling T. T. on:

New York	468.56	Shanghai	3⅜d N
Paris	176.96	Bombay	1/5 31/32
Berlin	11.67½	Hongkong	1/2 31/32
Amsterdam	8.69½	Singapore	2/3 31/32
Brussels	27.71	Yokohama	1/2
Madrid	100.00	„ (buying)	Unq.
Milan	89.07	C'Slovakia	137.00 S
Berne	20.69¼	S—Sellers.	

New York U.S.$ T. T. on:

Berlin	40.14	Japan	27.34
Spain	Unq.	Shanghai	16.15
Holland	54.90	Austria	Unq.
Paris	2.64¾	C'Slovakia	3.43
Brussels	16.90½	Hungary	19.80
Italy	5.26¼	Rumania	0.73
S'zerland	22.65	Yugo Slavia	2.30
Sweden	24.15	Greece	0.86
Norway	23.55	Bulgaria	1.25
Denmark	20.92	Finland	2.07
Montreal	99.475	Poland	18.92½
Brazil	5.95		

London	4.68⅝
„ Demand	4.68½
„ Bankers' 60 days bills	4.68 3/32
„ Commercial 60 days bills	4.68 3/32
Buenos Aires, Paper	29.07
„ „ Market Rate	23.00
Montreal on London	4.71

—Reuter.

Foreign Money Rates

London Feb. 8.

Fine Bank Bills,	3 months	0 9/16%
Bank Bills,	6 months	0 9/16%
Fine Trade Bills	3 months	2¾%
„ „ „	6 months	3¼%
Call Money		0½%

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B / 0 7/16%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 9/16%B / 0½%A
Call Money	1%

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

Manila Gold Shares

(Bids in Pesos)

Feb. 9	Closing a.m. Closing	Prices p.m. Closing
Antamok	.46	.45
Atok	.35	.35
Balatoc	9.50	9.60
Batong Buhay	.022	.022
Benguet Consolidated	13.80	13.80
Big Wedge	.345	.35
Coco Grove	.465	.47
Demonstration	.20	.205
I X L	.65	.64
Masbate	.17	.17
North Camarines	.69	.69
San Mauricio	1.76	1.78
Surigao Con., Com.	.30	.32
Surigao Con. Vot. Trust	.295	.30
Suyoc	.225	.225
United Paracale	.67	.67

Turnover: 427,000 Pesos.—Reuter.

London Silver Market

London, Feb. 8.

Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Company, in their weekly bullion letter, write:—Very quiet conditions prevailed in the London silver market during the past week but, as a result of moderate Indian inquiry on a poorly supplied market, prices have shown some improvement.

The market is narrow and might therefore be fairly readily influenced in either direction.—Reuter.

Shanghai Stocks

Yesterday's Business

Official Averages

1939 High	Low		Today's Averages	Change
147.47	105.32	General	136.94	+0.56
149.31	95.35	Rubber	131.52	−2.43

Total 26,911 shares, 1,714 bonds.

Morning Session

¥1,000	China Realty 8% Debs.	¥56.00
$12,000	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$87.75
$110,000	S. M. C. 5½% Debs.	91.50
$5,000	F. M. C. Debs. 1934	93.00
$1,300	S. M. C. 5½% Debs.	91.50
$6,000	S'hai Telephone 6% Debs.	91.00
$3,200	S. M. C. 5% Debs.	97.00
$1,000	F. M. C. 7% Debs. 1924	¥97.00
$31,000	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$87.50
G$1,000	Gold $ Bonds 5%	G$63.00
$1,000	S. M. C. 5% Debs. 1934	$84.00
300	Kaiping	24.50
10	S'hai Power (Pref)	125.50
100	Anglo Java	13.80
1,300	Epo Mills (Ord)	16.90
200	Kaiping	24.50
3,500	New Eng. (Ord)	6.05
1,000	I. I. Trust	2.55
1,000	Chemor	1.25
15	S'hai Power (Pref)	125.60
500	New Eng. (Pref)	6.40
766	S. & H. Wharf	178.00
200	Wheelock	31.25
300	Ewo Mills (Ord)	16.80
500	Exploration	8.10
500	Auto Palace	11.50
600	Ewo Mills (Ord)	16.80
10	Union Insurance	Hk$470.00
500	New Eng. (Ord)	$6.05
1,000	Langkat	8.50
500	Ewo Mills (Ord)	16.70
1,500	Exploration	8.15
1,000	Wheelock	31.50

ODD LOTS

250	New Eng. (Ord)	$6.05
5	S'hai Power (Pref)	125.25
33	Int. Assurance	8.70
60	Sungala	5.05
2	Union Insurance	£30.0.0
$500	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$87.75
$400	S. M. C. 5% Debs. 1934	83.00
$500	S. M. C. 5½% Debs.	91.50

Afternoon Session

$3,600	S'hai Power 5½% Debs.	$87.50
$15,000	F. M. C. 5½% Debs.	91.75
G$3,050	Gold $ Bonds 5%	G$64.00
30	S. W. W. "A" £20	$625.00
30	S'hai Power (Pref)	125.50
5,000	Auto Palace	12.00
1,500	S'ha Loan	6.00
100	Tram (Bearer) £1	38.50
1,900	Ewo Mills (Ord)	16.80
475	Wheelock	31.50
500	S'hai Land	8.50
200	Kaiping	24.50
1,000	S. W. W. Fittings	1.30

ODD LOTS

200	S'hai Loan	$6.00
25	Hall & Holtz	8.00
50	Ewo Mills (Ord)	16.80
250	Metro. Land "B"	4.20

London Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Feb. 8.

Industrials, which were the centre of attraction on the Stock Exchange today, advanced briskly on provincial buying orders, while home rails eased, following the decision of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway to pass the dividend on its ordinary and 1923 preferred shares. Among oils, Attocks strengthened on Eastern buying, otherwise this section was generally quiet steady.—Reuter.

	Feb. 7	8
War Loan 3½% (Red.)	£97 1/16	97⅝
JAPANESE BONDS		
Japan 5% Stg. Loan, 1907	43¼	43
Japan 6% Stg. Loan, 1924	49	48

Osaka, Feb. 9.

Kogo 5% Y.103.82

	Feb. 7	8
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL		
Allied Ironfounders	18/3	18/3
Armstrong Stevens	7/9	7/9
Assoc. & Elec. Indus.	39/-	39/6
Austin Motors, ord.	28/3	28/-
Bristol Aeroplane, ord.	23/-	22/10½
British American Tob.	95/-	96/3
Cable & W., new form	41½	39½
Cammell Laird, ord.	7/6	8/1½
Courtaulds	24/6	25/6
Distillers	90/3	90/3
Dunlop Rubber	24/3	24/-
General Elec. (Eng.)	75/-	76/-
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	108/6	108/-
Hawker Siddeley	22/9	22/6
Imp. Chem. Indus.	31/-	31/9
Imp. Tobacco	132/6	134/4½
Leyland Motors	84/1½	83/1½
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	56/1½	56/7½
Pressed Steel, com.	15/7½	15/10½
Rolls-Royce	111/7½	112/6
Smethwick Drop Forgings	15/9	16/-
Tate & Lyle	60/1½	60/3
Turner & Newall	75/1½	76/9
United Steel	23/4½	24/3
Vickers, ord.	22/-	22/10½
Woolworths	61/-	61/4½
MISCELLANEOUS		
Anglo Dutch	23/3	23/-
Rubber Pltn. Inv. Trust	26/3	26/3
MINES		
Burma Corp.	8/7½	8/7½
Commonwealth Min.	1/4½	1/4½
Marsman Invest.	14/6	13/9
Randfontein Ests.	38/6	38/-
Sub-Nigel	232/6	232/6
Tanami Gold Min.	4½d.	4½d.
Western Holdings	10/9	10/3
OILS		
Anglo Iranian	88/9	90/-
Burmah	82/6	83/9
Mexican Eagle	5/-	5/9
Shell Trans. & Trad.	82/6	83/1½
CHINESE EXTERNAL LOANS, ETC.		
4½% Gold Loan, 1898	£71½	72
5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	68	68
4½% Anglo-French Loan	50	52
5% Crisp Loan, 1912	33½	34
5% Reorg. Loan, 1913	48	48½
8% Stg. Notes, 1925	13½	14
5% Honan Rly., 1905	22	22
5% Hukuang Rly., 1911	21	21
5% „ „ (Ger. Is.)	19½	20
5% Lung Tsing U. H. Rly.	13½	13½
5% S'hai-Nanking Rly.	22	23
5% T'tsin-Pukow Rly. B.	16	16
5% „ „ G.	16	16
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) B.	16	16
5% „ „ (Supl. Loan) G.	16	16
5% Canton-Kowloon Rly.	18½	19½
S'hai Elec. Construction	25/- N	25/- N
S'hai Waterworks "A"	19½ N	19½ N
Un. Ins. Soc. of Canton	30½	30½
Chatrd. Bank of I. A. & C.	9⅜	9½
H. & S. Bank Ldn. Reg.)	81½	81½
„ „ (Col. Reg.)	83½	83½
Chinese Eng. & Min.	17/-	17/6
Chosen Corp.	7/-	7/-
Pekin Syndicate	2/- N	2/- N
Kula Kalumpong Rubber	19/4½	19/4½

N—Nominal.

British Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

London, Feb. 8.

In the commodity markets, jute ruled very firm in sympathy with Calcutta advices where unconfirmed rumours circulating indicated that further Government orders were pending. A fair volume of business was reported, including some speculative buying.

London Rubber: Spot buyers 7 11/16 —⅛; sellers 7 13/16 —1/16; Mar. del. buyers 7 11/16 —⅛; sellers 7 13/16 —1/16.

London Sugar (Buyers) Mar. 6/2¾ +¼; May 6/2½ +¼; Aug. 6/2¼ +¼.

Liverpool Wheat: Mar. 4/7½ —⅛; May 4/8 unc; July (new contract) 4/7 +⅛.

Liverpool Cotton: American Futures: Mar. 4.77 +1; May 4.73 +1; July 4.63 +1; Oct. 4.51 unc. Egyptian Futures (Giza. F.G.F. No. 7) No. 2 Contract, Mar. 6.82 +3; May 6.91 +12; July 6.97 +2; Sept. 6.97 +2.

London Metals: Copper, Standard, cash, sellers £42 9/16 —3/16; 3 mths del. sellers £42⅞ —3/16. Electrolytic buyers £47½ —¾; sellers £48½ —¾. Tin, Stan. Cash sellers £214¼ —1½; 3 mths del. sellers £212¾ —1¾; Lead, Foreign, official price, sellers £14 13/16 —⅛; 3 mths del. sellers £14½ —⅛. Spelter, Ordinary, official price, sellers £13 9/16 —3/16; 3 mths del. sellers £13¾ —⅛. —Reuter.

New York Stocks

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Feb. 8.

Dull conditions early prevailed on Wall Street today, but subsequently trading became more active, with quotations staging a rather impressive rally during the last hour to finally close from fractions to over 1 point higher. Steels, rails and aircrafts led the upward motion, owing to an easing of the foreign political situation, while business news continued to register improvement. Utilities also gave a good account of themselves. Meanwhile, European news, which is still considered to be a major market factor, is keeping a considerable amount of buying power out of the market. The turnover today amounted to 610 shares.

Dow-Jones Averages

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	145.55	144.45	145.43	+1.33
20 Rails	30.39	30.01	30.36	+0.42
15 Utilit.	25.35	24.93	25.29	+0.37
40 Bonds	—	—	90.37	−0.02
11 Commod.	—	—	47.32	+0.21

	Feb. 7	8
Adams Express	9⅜	9½
Alleghany Ludlum Steel	22⅜	22¾
Allis Chalmers	42⅜	42½
Amerada Corp.	63	63¼
Amer. Can	94⅝	94½
Amer. & For. Power	3¼	B 3⅜
„ „ $7 pfd.	17¾	B 17⅝
Amer. Locomotive	24	25
Amer. Metal	35⅜	35¼
Amer. Radiator	15⅝	15⅝
Amer. Rolling Mill	18	18⅝
Amer. Smelting	44½	45
Amer. Sugar Refining	B 19⅝	B 19½
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	157¼	157¾
Amer. Tobacco "B"	88¼	88½
Amer. Waterworks	13⅜	13½
Anaconda Copper	28¾	29½
Atchison, T. & S. Fe	34⅜	35¾
Auburn	B 3½	3⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	6¼	6⅜
Barber Asphalt Corp.	18⅜	B 17¾
Barnsdall Oil Co.	16	16⅛
Bethlehem Steel	66⅞	69
Boeing Airplane Co.	28⅛	29⅛
Borg Warner	27	27½
Briggs Mfg. Co.	24¾	24¼
Brooklyn-Manhattan Trans.	11⅜	11½
„ $6 cum pfd.	37¼	37¾
Can. Pacific Rly.	5⅛	5⅜
Case, J.I.	84	B 84
Celanese Corp.	19⅝	19⅝
Chase Nat. Bank	B 30½	B 31
Chesapeake & Ohio	34	35¼
Chrysler	74¼	76⅜
Columbia Gas & Elec.	8⅜	8⅜
„ 6% "A" pfd.	88⅛	86½
Coml. Credit	53½	52⅝
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	1⅞	2
„ $6 cum. pfd.	60⅛	62
Consolid. Edison	33½	33⅞
Consolid. Oil	8⅜	8¼
Continental Can	38¾	39
Continental Oil	27⅛	27
Corn Products	63	64⅜
Curtiss Wright (com.)	7	7
„ „ "A"	25⅞	26⅞
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	18⅛	18¼
Douglas Aircraft	69¼	70⅝
Du Pont de Nemours	148	148¾
Eagle Picher Lead	11½	11¾
Elec. Bond & Sh.	11⅜	11⅞
„ „ $5 pfd.	62½	62¼
„ „ $6 pfd.	69¾	70½
Elec. Power & Lt.	38	39
Flintkote	26¾	27
Gen. Amer. Trans. Corp.	55¾	55¾
Gen. Elec.	40½	41¼
Gen. Motors	46¾	48¼
Gen. Rly. Signal	B 22	22⅞
Glidden Co.	20½	20⅞
Goodrich (B.F.)	20½	21⅛
„ $5 pfd.	B 58	B 58
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	32	32⅝
Great Nthrn. Iron Ore	14½	14¾
Great Nthrn. Rly.	24¾	25
Great Western Sugar	24⅞	24⅞
Greyhound Corp.	17⅝	17⅝
Hecker Products	11⅛	11⅜
Homestake Min.	62¾	63
Int. Nickel	51½	52
Int. Tel. & Tel.	9	9⅛
Johns Manville	95¾	96
Kennecott	37	37
Libby-Owens-Ford Glass	47½	47½
Lockheed Aircraft	29	30⅝
Loew's Inc.	48½	49
Manhattan Shirt Co.	B 11⅜	B 11⅝
Martin, Glenn L. Co.	34	35¾
McKesson & Rob.	10¾/11½ B/A	10½/11¼ B/A
Monsanto Chemical	100⅜	B 99¾
Montgomery Ward	48⅜	49¾
Nat. City Bank	B 23¾	B 24¼
Nat. Dairy Products	13⅞	13¾
Nat. Distillers	25½	26
Nat. Gypsum	13¾	14
Nat. Lead	24⅜	24
Nat. Power & Lt.	8½	8½
Nat. Supply Co.	12¾	13
New York Central	18	18⅞
North Amer. Aviation	17⅝	18⅜
North Amer.	25	25½
Northern Pacific	11¼	11¾
Pacific Gas & Elec.	29½	29½
Pacific Lighting	44	44½
Packard Motors	4⅛	4⅛
Paramount Pictures Inc.	10⅜	10⅝
Pennsylvania R.R.	20⅜	20½
Phelps Dodge	39½	39⅞
Phillips Petroleum	39½	39½
Public Serv. of N.J.	35⅛	35¾
Pullman, Inc.	34	34¼
Pure Oil	9⅛	9⅛
Radio Corp. of Amer.	7⅛	7⅛
Republic Steel Co.	20⅜	21⅛
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	40⅝	40⅛
Schenley	15¼	15¼
„ 5½% pfd.	Unq.	69
Sears Roebuck	70¾	71½
Shell Union Oil	13⅛	13¼
Socony-Vacuum	12½	12⅞
Sthrn. Pacific	16⅞	17¼
Sthrn. Rly. $5 pfd.	26⅛	27½
Sperry Corp.	44½	45⅛
Stand. Brands	6¾	7
Stand. Gas & Elec.	3⅜	3⅝
Stand. Oil of N.J.	49⅜	49⅝
Stone & Webster	15⅜	15½
Swift International	26⅞	27½
Technicolor	19⅝	19¼
Texas Corp.	43¼	44¼
Texas Gulf Sulphur	30⅞	30¾
Transamerica	6⅝	6½
Tw. Century Fox	22¼	22½
„ „ pfd.	Unq.	32½
Un. Carbide & Carbon	84	83¾
Un. Pacific	95	95½
Un. Aircraft	37⅞	38⅜
Un. Air Lines Trans.	10¾	10⅝
Un. Corp.	3½	3½
„ $3 cum. pfd.	35¾	36⅜
Un. Gas Corp.	3	3
Un. Gas Improvement	12¾	12⅞
U. S. Rubber	43⅜	44½
„ 8% pfd.	98¾	100½
U. S. Steel	58⅝	60¼
Vanadium	25	25⅝
Warner Bros. Picts.	5¼	5⅛
Westinghouse Elec.	111⅜	112
Woodward Iron	21	21⅞
BONDS		
Amer. & For. Power	54¼	55
Brazil	12¾	12¾
Baltimore & Ohio R.R.	19½	19⅞
Cities Serv.	82	82⅞
Erie R.R.	11⅜	11½
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s	68¾	69¾
New England Gas & Elec.	59½	60
Peru	10	Unq.
Sthrn. Pacific R.R.	51½	Unq.
Stand. Gas & Elec.	64	65

A—Asked. B—Bid.—Reuter.

Dow-Jones Summary

By Courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

The undertone of the stock market has somewhat improved today. However, buying was not impressive in a session of quiet trading. Excellent domestic business news, the improvement in the European situation, the statement by Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, to the effect that Britain would do her utmost to promote a world peace conference, and the announcement that a Soviet and Italian Trade Pact had been signed also had an influence. Domestic news continues to be favourable, with Buick January sales touching an all time record for that month, and January sales of General Motors being 62 per cent. above those of the corresponding period a year ago helped the market. Prices at the close ruled from fractions to 1 point higher.

Curb stocks closed irregular, whilst the bond market presented a firm appearance.

Reichsmark Rates

Berlin, Feb. 8.

Reichsmark quotations without guarantee: New York U.S.$40.14-Rm. 100.— Paris Frs. 1517.— -Rm. 100.— Amsterdam G. 74.35 to 74.45-Rm. 100.— London £ 1.— -Rm. 11.67875.

Paris quoted sterling at Frs. 176,95 to 177 for £ 1 and Gold Dollars at 37.7605 to 37.7705 for U.S.$1.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Commodities

Wednesday's Closing Quotations

New York, Feb. 8.

Trading in the cotton market was fairly active today, with prices early firming on higher overseas cables and Wall Street and Liverpool buying. Later, some switching from nears to distants was witnessed. At the close, quotations ranged from 4 points down to 4 points up from yesterday's final levels.

A lower opening for rubber prices was seen, influenced by bearish overseas advices and European selling. Later, the market rallied owing to the belief that consumption prospects have now improved. At the last call over, gains from 1 to 3 points were recorded.

Wheat prices on the Chicago Board of Trade ruled steady on some shorts covering, induced by reports of freezing weather in the south-west. At the final bell, gains of ½ cent were registered.

New York Cotton			New York Rubber		
Mar.	8.39-39	—02	Mar.	15.64-65	+01
May	8.06-06	—04	May	15.55-55	+02
July	7.80-80	—03	July	15.54-54	+03
Oct.	7.48-48	+03	Sept.	15.52-52	+01
Dec.	7.49-49	+04			
Jan.	7.51 N	+04			

New York Sugar		New York Silk	
Mar.	1.13½-14 unc. B/A	Feb.	1.99-2.00 +02 B/A
May	1.14-14½ unc. B/A		

Chicago Wheat			Chicago Corn		
May	68½-68⅝	+½	May	49¾-49⅞	+¼
July	68½-68⅝	+½	July	50⅞-50⅞	+¼
Sept.	69⅜-69½	+½	Sept.	51⅜-51¼	+¼

Winnipeg Wheat

May	62⅜-62½	+⅛
July	63⅛-63⅛	+⅛

B—Bid. A—Asked.—Reuter.

U.S. Crude Oil Production

New York, Feb. 8.

The American Petroleum Institute of New York, in its weekly report issued today, estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production for the week ended February 4 totalled 3,442,000 barrels.

This represents a gain of 194,000 barrels over last week and an advance of 126,000 barrels from the corresponding week of last year.

The daily average output for the previous week was placed at 3,248,000 barrels.—Reuter.

Electricity Output in U.S.

New York, Feb. 8.

Production of electricity by the electric light and power industry in the United States for the week ended February 4 totalled 2,287,000,000 kilowatt hours, according to the weekly statement of the Edison Electric Institute published today.

This indicated a gain of 9.8 per cent. over the corresponding week of last year, when the output totalled 2,082,000,000 kilowatt hours.

Electricity output during the previous week totalled 2,293,000,000 kilowatt hours, showing an increase of 9.2 per cent. over the corresponding week of last year.—Reuter.

Berlin Bourse

Berlin, Feb. 8.

Prices crumbled on the share market today, Chemishe Heyden, Rhenish-Westphalian Power and Daimler losing one point each at 144, 117.125 and 138.25 respectively. Harpener lost 1½ at 144, Bubiag 2¾ at 185 and Stoehr went down 3½, being quoted at 122.5.—Trans-Ocean.

LOCAL market prices for several items, including paper, charcoal, firewood, tea and other products which are usually imported from east Chekiang province have risen from 10 to 20 per cent, since the enforcement of the embargo on the exportation of these products by the Chekiang Chinese Customs authorities, says the "Shun Pao."

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New York Stocks Improved

New York, Feb. 8.

The improved European situation and excellent domestic business news today lifted prices on the New York Stock Exchange from fractions of a point to more than a point in a quiet session.

The strength of motors, steels and select aviations featured the session. Utilities recovered part of yesterday's losses. Inquiries regarding utilities remained relatively heavy but interest in other sections showed a decided upswing.

General Motors January sales gained 62 per cent, stimulating the purchase of motor stocks. Heavy railroad orders aided steels. Merchandisings were aided by the fact that Montgomery Ward January sales and fiscal business record reached new highs.

Glenn Martin, Douglas and United aircraft gained more than a point. Allied Chemical and Eastman gained more than two points.

Many traders believe that motors will be among the leaders in an early spring market rise. Wall Street heard today that First National Stores fiscal sales ending March 31 may reach a record high.

About the only bad news the street was able to conjure today was fear regarding the final settlement of the Spanish civil war. Some believe the Spanish situation is the only factor retarding the market. Others, however, believe that some really outstanding favourable development must occur before the public enters the market.

Favourable market factors today included:

1. General Motors gain of 62 per cent in sales in January compared with the corresponding month of last year.
2. The Italo-Soviet trade agreement reached yesterday.
3. The more confident view being taken of the foreign situation.

Unfavourable factors included these:

1. Inclement weather.
2. Retarded carloadings.
3. Poor petroleum statistics.
4. Steel demand is tapering off except for railroad orders.
5. The decline in electricity consumption.—United Press.

January Rubber Outputs

	lb.
Alma Estates, Ltd.	36,000
Batu Anam (Johore) Rubber Estates, Ltd.	26,000
Chemor United Rubber Co., Ltd.	36,000
Cheng Rubber Estates, Ltd.	15,000
Kapayang Rubber Estates, Co., Ltd.	9,000
Repah Rubber & Tapioca Estates, Ltd.	27,000
Rubber Trust, Ltd.	139,000
Semambu Rubber Estates, Ltd.	17,000
Samagaga Rubber Co., Ltd.	28,000
Senawang Rubber Estates Co., (1921) Ltd.	30,000
S'hai Malay Rubber Estates, Ltd.	27,000
Shanghai Seremban Rubber Estates, Ltd.	12,000
Sua Manggis Rubber Co., Ltd.	12,000
Tebong Rubber Estates, Ltd.	67,000

Metropolitan Life Ins. Co. Pays Big Dividends

Washington, Feb. 7.

Mr. Frederick H. Ecker, head of the US$4,700,000,000 Metropolitan Life Insurance Company told the Federal Monopoly Investigating Committee today that the Metropolitan has paid policy holders US$100,000,000 annually in dividends for the past ten years and has invested US$700,000,000 annually for the same period.—United Press.

Paris Bourse

Paris, Feb. 8.

The Bourse opened with several stocks showing substantial gains, but large sales during the session caused a decline although the market was resistant at the closure.—Havas.

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Italo-Soviet Agreement To Bolster Trade

Rome, Feb. 8.

Italy expects commercial exchanges between the Soviet Union and Italy to reach more than $50,000,000 annually under the new trade agreement signed yesterday.

However, this figure is $21,000,000 below trade between the two countries under their old agreement.—United Press.

British Japanese Bottoms Carry Philippine Imports

Manila, Feb. 8.

British and Japanese bottoms carried most of the Philippine imports and exports during 1938, shipping statistics of the Commonwealth Government revealed today.

British bottoms carried 59,782,000 pesos worth of goods, Japanese 57,018,000 pesos, United States 31,800,000 pesos, Norwegian 31,449,000 pesos and the remainder of the goods imported and exported was carried by German, Netherlands, Italian and other bottoms.—United Press.

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BY PERCY WHITING

"N.C.D.N." Special Correspondent in Japan

Tokyo, Feb. 2.

JAPAN is now entering upon the stage of diplomatic and economic warfare with the United States and possibly with Britain, Mr. Kenkichi Yoshizawa, veteran Japanese diplomat, warns his countrymen in an interview with a Tokyo news agency.

Mr. Yoshizawa, who was ambassador to France and chief delegate to the League of Nations in the Manchuria discussions, in 1931-32, became minister for foreign affairs in the ill-fated cabinet of his father-in-law, Premier Inukai.

"Britain," Mr. Yoshizawa is quoted as saying, "who has invested a huge amount of money in China and has great trade interests in that country next only, perhaps, to Japan, has been hard hit by the China Incident. So she has often protested to Japan against the latter's actions in China because Japan trespasses on Britain's rights and interests there.

'However, it appears that Britain has little if any intention to appeal to force against Japan on this score. The main reason, I believe, is that she is too closely involved in the quarrels in Europe to put her oar into the quarrel between Japan and China.

So far as can be seen, the statesman continues, Britain, just as she is intent on Mr. Chamberlain's 'appeasement in Europe, she is anxious to avoid armed conflict with Japan in East Asia. Thus it can hardly be supposed that even if she is able to secure a peaceful settlement of the situation with Germany and Italy, she will bring the added power thus acquired to bear upon Japan to enforce her demands.

Britain's sole object, I believe, is to see that her rights and interests in the world are securely maintained and protected. So if Japan succeeds in restoring peace and order in China, as the leader of the East Asiatic countries, Britain certainly will come to co-operate with Japan in order to protect her rights and interests.

However, it appears that Britain is not quite sure whether Japan will ever be able to achieve her objective so satisfactorily as Japan desires. Moreover, Japan's recent replies to Britain's protests seem to be regarded in London, as not quite satisfactory.

U.S.A.-Britain Co-operation

Now there are indications that Britain, in co-operation with the United States, is planning to apply some form of pressure, probably economic, on Japan. But at all events, Britain has no mind to go out of her way to actually collide with Japan over the China situation.

It seems that the United States takes exception to Japan's actions in China not for material but for moral and ideological reasons. America insists on her rights and interests being protected under the open-door and equal-opportunity-for-all principles.

To this Japan has repeatedly declared that a new order has been brought about in East Asia, and if the United States recognizes this, Japan will only too gladly take every measure possible to protect American rights and interests.

Nevertheless, the United States so far displays no signs of recognizing Japan's position. There are indications, even, that America is planning to enforce discriminatory measures against Japan in trade and in other matters on the basis that Japan is an 'aggressor' country. In such a case, Britain may possibly follow in the wake of the United States, to the disadvantage of Japan.

Taking everything into consideration, it is evident that while military action in the China Incident has entered on its second stage, we are on the threshold of diplomatic and economic warfare in relation to it. For this, the government and people of Japan must be fully prepared," concluded Mr. Yoshizawa.

Overseas Chinese Lauded

High tribute to the patriotism of the Chinese abroad, and the enormous financial contribution they make to their homeland, is paid by Mr. Minekichi Oiwa, an official of the Japanese ministry of finance. "Chinese settlers abroad," he is quoted as saying, "include not only merchants but farmers, labourers, officials, teachers, students, and journalists.

They have been reputed to be the most efficient labourers in the world, and some time after the 17th century they were sent abroad as indented labourers. The first Emperor of the Yuan dynasty in China, after failing to invade Japan, sent some 20,000 troops to the Hawaiian islands. Some settled there, thus becoming the pioneers of the Chinese settlers in the Pacific island regions.

The Chinese abroad now total some 8,000,000, of whom 2,500,000 are in Siam, 1,700,000 in Malaya and the Straits Settlements, 1,200,000 in the Netherlands East Indies, and so on. They are constantly increasing in number. They occupy a very strong commercial and economic position everywhere.

Among these Chinese are many who have climbed the ladder from the lowest to the highest rung. One of their strong characteristics is that they never rely on their mother country. They manage to prosper by their own efforts.

Nevertheless they have made and continue to make great contributions to their country as the money they send home amounts to about $300,000,000 annually. Also they subscribe to loan bonds issued by the government of their country, make investments and contribute for philanthropic purposes. They are patriotic and when they see their native country in trouble they rise to its support. We Japanese must always keep this in mind," Mr. Oiwa said in conclusion.

Acute Wool Shortage

That Japan is suffering acutely from a shortage of raw wool is evidenced by the announcement that from March this year the manufacturers of woollen textiles for domestic consumption will have to submit to a system of rationing in order to get their yarn. These new ration permits, will be issued very sparingly.

It may be taken as certain that until military operations by the Japanese in China come to an end, and requirements for uniforms, overcoats, caps, blankets, etc., for the army and navy slacken very considerably, Japan's purchases of wool will be extremely small from all countries except Manchoukuo and North China (including Inner Mongolia).

Not only have purchases for the army and navy clothing mills been reduced to a minimum, but the import of wool for domestic purposes has been under severe licensing restrictions since the end of 1937. Even the import of wool for the manufacture of articles to be exported has been so limited by regulations, that manufacturers and exporters have found it difficult to operate, much as Japan needs the export trade to replenish her funds abroad. These regulations have been designed to assure the government that funds paid for such exports would remain under its control, and the government has demanded proof of orders from abroad before allowing manufacturers to obtain fresh supplies of wool or yarn. Even so there has been considerable leakage of wool from the export industry into the domestic market, and this has worried the government officials a good deal.

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has therefore, decided, to make the system of control that has been enforced since the end of 1937, much more stringent. The new system will consist of an organization of guilds which will have control of all stocks of wool and woollen yarn. These guilds, as and when authorized by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, will issue ration cards to the manufacturers of woollen textiles. In exchange for these cards, the mills will be able to obtain the quantities of yarn allotted them. In his way, the authorities will be able to keep strict account of every pound of wool and yarn.

The control system in operation during the past year, comprised chiefly the regulation linking the acquirement of fresh wool for manufacturing export goods with the actual exportation of goods as previously outlined; official orders to the mills limiting the quantities of textiles they could manufacture for domestic consumption, and regulations compelling the mixture of 30 per cent staple fibre (wool substitute made from wood-pulp), either spun in the yarn or introduced with pure wool yarn when weaving cloth for sale within the Japanese Empire.

Watch has not been kept, however, over the actual movements of wool and yarn, and it is to add this feature to the system of control, that the new regulations are being instituted. At the same time the meager quantities of cloth that the textile mills have been allowed to manufacture, will still be further reduced by restrictions of supply of yarn.

Stocks Limited

It is difficult to gauge what stocks of raw wool and yarn exist in Japan, but it is estimated that from 50,000 to 75,000 bales (of 300 lbs. each remain in the country. It is understood that the government intends to restrict the use of this wool to about 5,000 bales a month, so that there will be enough for the present year, and possibly for part of 1940. This is a startling contrast to Japan's consumption of between 800,000 and 900,000 bales during 1935, the year before the Japan-Australian trade war of 1936.

Many Mills Closed

As has been the case with many industries in Japan, the China war has played havoc with the woollen industry. Numerous mills have had to be closed down, or diverted to the manufacture of pure staple fibre goods. Unemployment, however, has not been so severe, as the workers have transferred themselves to the munitions industry, which, of course, is enjoying a feverish prosperity.

The distribution of wool to the mills that remained in operation, has added complexity of the problems of the industry, because, while some companies laid in stocks during 1937, others did not fare so well and found themselves with only scanty supplies when the import restrictions came into force. Official efforts are being made to take care of this difficulty, by causing those who have stocks, to resell same to those who have not, but the process has not proceeded well.

Another obstacle that the mills have also met with, are technical difficulties in finding the best method for mixing staple fibre with wool. At first, this was mostly done by mixing staple yarn with pure wool yarn when weaving the cloth, but where possible, this has been replaced by using yarn in which the staple fibre is spun with the wool. Considerable progress has been made in this respect. An additional difficulty has been experienced in dyeing, as the same dye cannot be used for the animal product, wool, and the vegetable staple fibre.

The compulsory adulteration of staple fibre with wool will continue to be rigorously enforced, and it is likely that during the present year the quantity of the substitute will be increased from the 30 per cent that the mills have had to use during the past year. It is well understood that this spoils the quality of the cloth, greatly reducing its durability and warmth, but this measure, like so many others, is due to Japan's lack of funds available for the purchase of the quantity of wool that she would like to get, while she has to finance the China war.

Re-Manufacture of Wool

Another enterprise that the Ministry of Commerce and Industry plans to push vigorously is the collection of old wool for re-manufacture. It is estimated that throughout Japan there is a large "reserve" of worn-out wool, caps, socks and stockings and various other items of garments and wearing apparel. The plan is to establish a comprehensive system by which these old woollen goods can be brought out of the corners and storerooms of the people's houses and re-worked into fresh goods. It is fully realized, that cloth so produced will be shoddy and short-lived, but this again, is an emergency measure. Efforts were made on specified "collection days" during the latter half of last year to get some of this material back into circulation, and surprisingly large quantities were obtained. Appeals were made in radio broadcasts to the people's patriotism, admonishing them not to hoard this commodity in anticipation of better prices for it later on.

In order to carry out its plans for the wool industry, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has decided to reorganize the Wool Import Control Association, the Wool Industry Association, the Wool Export Control Association, and various other guilds and organizations connected with the industry. The method of applying the new intensified control to the yarn and knit-goods branches of the industry has not yet been decided. Steps somewhat similar to those to be applied to the textile branch, however, are most likely to be adopted.

For the purpose of collecting the old wool, the Ministry had decided to organize what will be called the Japan Reclaimed Wool Textile Commerical Guild. A Coarse Woolen Yarn Industry Guild will also be established.

It is planned to supply large quantities of the reclaimed wool yarn to the mills manufacturing uniforms, blankets, and other clothing equipment for the army and navy. The two services have so far declined to permit the use of staple fibre in weaving cloth for uniforms, for obvious reasons.

Hand in hand with the new system of controlling the woollen manufacturing industry, it is a certainty that the import of wool will be even more severely restricted than it was last year. The value of Japan's wool imports in 1938 came to Y.94,426,000 which represented a decline of no less than Y.203,978,000 as compared with the imports during 1937, according to the Ministry of Finance's figures. The 1937 imports were valued at Y.298,403,000 the 1936 imports at Y.200,898,000 and the 1935 imports at Y.191,668,000.

As to quantities Japan imported 392,000 bales, from all sources in 1938; 868,000 bales, in 1937; 729,000 bales, in 1936; and 818,000 bales, in 1938. Of these, 1935 was the last normal year, as the Australian-Japan trade war covered the last half of 1936, the China war started in the middle of 1937, and 1938 was marked by rigid retrenchments. The record import of 1937 was, of course, due largely to military requirements. A surprising feature of 1938 was the import, practically all from Britain, of Y.2,724,000 worth of woollen textiles, despite severe import restrictions and the fact that Japan now makes quite good woollen textiles herself.

Imports of raw wool from the various countries during the last two years were:

	1938		1937	
	lbs.	Yen	lbs.	Yen
Manchoukuo	2,866,400	2,478,000	395,870	527,000
China	5,866,670	3,327,000	397,870	382,000
Great Britain	495,470	677,000	833,000	1,073,000
Chile	930,130	780,000	2,718,670	2,353,000
Argentine	7,369,670	5,946,000	16,873,070	17,713,000
South Africa	5,288,800	4,266,000	74,535,330	82,763,000
Australia	78,818,130	64,882,000	98,292,670	118,196,000
New Zealand	11,422,800	8,272,000	39,473,330	42,821,000
Others (Uraguay, Iraq, etc.)	4,528,130	3,794,000	26,990,930	32,576,000

The big increase in the imports from Manchukuo and China (which includes Inner Mongolia) is worth noting. Further increases may be expected from those sources, especially the latter, when conditions become more settled.

THE completion of the wireless and radiophone system in the Southwest provinces is reported by the Ministry of Communications, says a Hongkong Chinese report to the "Sin Wan Pao." Communications between Kukong, in Kwangtung, Kweilin, and Liuchow in Kwangsi and Chungking are now possible and the new installation will shortly be ready for public use, the report adds.

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From **TIENTSIN:** Fooshing, due p.m., Roosevelt Terminal Buoys.

From **HONGKONG:** Empress of Asia, (with 40 bags Hongkong mail), due 5.30 p.m., Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf. Passengers due Custom's Jetty 7 p.m.
Kaying, due p.m., French Bund.

From **KEELUNG:** Hukuken Maru, due 9 a.m., O.S.K. Wharf.

Due at Future Dates

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From BREMEN
Burgenland 27/12 17/2
Oldenburg 10/1 5/3
Neumark 24/1 13/3
Ramses 7/2 30/3

From ROTTERDAM
Neumark 7/2 13/3
Kina 10/2 29/3

From ANTWERP
Fulda 29/12 15/2
Glenogle 24/12 22/2
Glenroy 7/1 4/3
Aller 26/1 11/3
Arendskerk 23/1 17/3
Glenbeg 21/1 19/3
Gleniffer 4/2 1/4

From GLASGOW
Memnon 31/12 13/2
Antenor 14/1 3/3
Ajax 28/1 16/3

From LIVERPOOL
Cyclops 31/12 20/2
Tantalus 28/1 12/3
Ajax 4/2 16/3

From LONDON
Hakone M. 6/1 13/2
Rawalpindi 13/1 20/2
Burdwan 7/1 21/2
Fushimi M. 20/1 27/2
Canton 27/1 6/3
Hakozaki M. 3/2 13/3
Glenbeg 4/2 19/3
Somali 4/2 20/3
Corfu 10/2 20/3

From MARSEILLES
P. Doumer 20/1 17/2
Aramis 3/2 3/3
Hakozaki M. 10/2 13/3
Talleyrand 6/2 15/3

From GENOA
C. B'camano 28/1 22/2
Arendskerk 10/2 17/3

From TRIESTE
Volpi 20/12 11/2
C. Rosso 8/2 5/3
Corteliazzo 20/1 9/3

From BRINDISI
C. Rosso 9/2 5/3

From PORT SAID
Scharnhorst 4/2 24/2
Antenor 1/2 3/3
Aramis 7/2 3/3
Canton 8/2 6/3
Java 7/2 9/3
Aller 8/2 11/3

From SUEZ
Fushimi M. 3/2 27/2
Mentor 31/1 4/3
Glenroy 2/2 4/3
Oldenburg 4/2 5/3

From CALCUTTA
Talma 26/1 19/2

From COLOMBO
C. B'camano 10/2 22/2

From PENANG
Burdwan 9/2 21/2

From SINGAPORE
Hakone M. 5/2 13/2
Cyclops 1/2 20/2
Burgenland 6/2 17/2
Memnon 7/2 18/2
Talma 9/2 19/2
Rawalpindi 10/2 20/2
Glenogle 10/2 22/2

From SOERABAIA
Tjibadak 30/1 17/2
Tjisadane 3/2 18/2

From MACASSAR
Tjisadane 5/2 18/2

From MANILA
Coburg 9/2 12/2
Gert. Maersk 5/2 13/3
P. Coolidge 8/2 13/2
C. Bedford 6/2 15/2
Stentor 8/2 17/2

From SAIGON
Volpi 4/2 11/2
P. Doumer 10/2 17/2

From HAIPHONG
Fulda 9/2 15/2

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK
Tai Ping — 15/2
C. Bedford 18/12 15/2
Stentor 27/12 17/2
Siam. Prince — 24/2
Mar. Maersk 11/1 25/2
Tweedbank 7/1 27/2
Acadia 28/2 15/3
Motorship 25/1 19/3
Eurybates 27/1 20/3
Irisbank 7/2 28/3
Anna Maersk 10/2 28/3
C. Athens 18/2 13/5

From SAVANNAH
Eurybates 1/2 20/3

From PANAMA
Motorship 5/2 19/3

From VANCOUVER
Tyndareus 26/1 23/2

From LOS ANGELES
Pres. Taft 23/1 15/2
Tai Ping 19/1 18/2
Stentor 17/1 17/2
Tatuta M. 16/1 25/2
Mar. Maersk 31/1 25/2
P. Cleveland 5/2 1/3

From SAN FRANCISCO
Tweedbank 30/1 27/2
P. Cleveland 10/2 1/3

From HONOLULU
Pres. Taft 2/2 15/2
Tatuta M. 24/1 25/2

From HONGKONG
See "China Ports" below.

From OTARU
Titan 1/2 13/2
Deucalion 2/2 17/2
Soudan 7/2 19/2

From YOKOHAMA
Ranchi 7/2 13/2
Leverkusen 10/2 16/2
Deucalion 10/2 16/2

From KOBE
Nagasaki M. 9/2 11/2
Taiyo M. 9/2 11/2
Titan 10/2 13/2
Ranchi 10/2 13/2
Leverkusen 11/2 16/2

From NAGASAKI
Nagasaki M. 10/2 11/2

AFRICA AND AUSTRALIA

From CAPETOWN
Ruys 18/1 25/2

From MOMBASA
Ruys 5/2 25/2

From MELBOURNE
Nankin 1/2 9/3

From HOBART
Nankin 3/2 9/3

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN
Tsingtao M. 9/2 11/2
Elbe 10/2 12/2
Tarn 9/2 19/2
Patroclus 10/2 1/3

From TIENTSIN
Tingsang 4/2 11/2
Hangsang 9/2 12/2
Shuntien 9/2 12/2
Mingsang 10/2 14/2
Yochow 8/2 14/2
Shengking 12/2 15/2
Kwaisang 12/2 16/2
Esang 13/2 16/2

From SWATOW
Kingyuan 3/2 11/2
Soochow 13/2 15/2

From HONGKONG
Kingyuan 6/2 11/2
Talabot 8/2 11/2
Yatshing 6/2 11/2
Singkiang 8/2 11/2
Tsinan 7/2 12/2
Taksang 9/2 12/2
Gert. Maersk 10/2 13/2
Chungking 9/2 13/2
Yunnan 7/2 13/2
Prominent 11/2 15/2
Tjibadak 10/2 17/2
Taiyuan 15/2 19/2
Sinkiang 15/2 19/2

From KEELUNG (Formosa)
Tyosa M. 15/2 17/2

Passenger Lists

ARRIVALS

Per **Gneisenau**, Feb. 8, from **Yokohama:** Mrs. D. Cutts, Mrs. E. Gheradi, Mr. F. Joerger, Mr. E. Kocher, Mrs. M. Kocher, Miss A. Allan, Mr. G. Arbogast, Mrs. M. Wood, Mrs. D. Parselle, Miss J. Pit, Mrs. R. Starr, Mr. R. Haraldsen, Mr. H. Effenberg, from **Kobe:** Mr. L. Weissauer, Prof. K. Reimers, Mrs. A. Reimers.

Per **Taisang**, Feb. 9, from **Tientsin and Ports:** Mr G. D. Happer, Mr. Williams, Mr. Sassoon, Mr. & Mrs. Corrigan and Master Corrigan, Mr. R. J. Ames, Mr. R. D Ralfe, Dr. Anderson, Mr. Hay, Mr. A. Olshevsky, Mr. Fynland, Mr. & Mrs. B. Zondovitch and Master Zondovitch, Mr. P. Walther, Mr. C. Matouk.

DEPARTURES

Per **Gneisenau**, Feb. 9, for **Hongkong:** Mr. K. Abe, Mr. C. A. Bowern, Mr. & Mrs. S. Z. Chang, Mr O. Hausman, Capt. R. H. C. Hargraves, Mr. & Mrs. A B. Henningsen, Mr. H. Ino, Mrs. Y. Kann, Mr. N. Kikuti, Mr. K. Kimura, Mr. K. Kobe, Mr. J. H. Liu, Mr. C. G. Melchers, Mr. T. Muto, Mr. A. Naether, Mr. T. Oda, Mr. T. Oshio, Mr. & Mrs T. H. Wei, Mr. P. Woo, Mrs. M. Wu, Mr. H. Y. Woo, Mr. & Mrs. W. Fuerst and Master, P. Fuerst, Mr. Fuerst, Mr. O. C. Goldsmith, Mr. & Mrs. M. Goldstein, Mrs. M. F. Jorge, Mr. H. Koch, Father H. Kroes, Father K. Roesslein, Mr. T. Taylor, Rev. R. Verona, Mr. J. Wirtky, for **Manila:** Mr. W. G. Adama, Mrs. A. L. Adams, Mr. T. B. Clark, Mr. & Mrs. M. B. Gunn, Mr. G. H. Moss, Mr. E. Obenaus, Mr. W. Rudolf, for **Singapore:** Mrs. H. M. Bainbridge, Misses N. J. & S. E. Hopkins, Mr. C. J. Bull, for **Genoa:** Dr. & Mrs. H. S. Houghton, Mr E. Lillie, Mrs. C. Melchers, Masters G. & H. Melchers Miss B. Melchers, Mr. M. Pirenne, Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Reeves, Miss J. and Master P. Reeves, Dr. H. Roescheisen, Rev. G. H. Aldis, Rev. W. H. Aldis, Miss C. Denkhaus, Mr. W. Haude, for **Southampton:** Mrs. H. D. Lancashire, Miss A. Parker, Mrs. F. Ransom, Miss Y. W. Donnelly, Mr. & Mrs. E L. Saunders, Miss H. J. Saunders, for **Rotterdam:** Mrs. J. C. van Houten, Mrs. W. F. E. Roos, for **Bremen:** Sister G. Axman, Mr. H. Bolloni, Mr. H. Eickhoff, Mr. S. H. Hoene.

Per **Hunan**, Feb. 9, for **Tientsin:** Mr. Todnen, Mr. M. Deho.

Per **Taiyuan**, Feb. 10, for **Swatow:** Mr. T. J. Lindsay, Mr. W. M. Rankin, for **Hongkong:** Mr. J. A. Blackwood, Mrs. D. B. Sparks, Mrs. Jarldane.

Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

JOHAN. JUSTESEN CHINWANGTAO DIRECT.—The Feb. 12. Kailan Mining Administration will despatch the steamer Johanne Justesen, Captain Hoisterberg, on Sunday, Feb. 12, 1939. For freight or passage apply to the Agent, 30 Foochow Road. Tel. 11070. 12-2

YATSHING Feb. 13. TSINGTAO, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Monday, Feb. 13, at 7 a.m. For freight apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 12-2

SHUNTIEN Feb. 14. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—From French Bund on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 10 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 14-2

TAKSANG Feb. 14. CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 9 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 14-2

YUNNAN Feb. 15. TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN. — From French Bund on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 9 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 15-2

SOUTH CHINA COAST

TAIYUAN Feb. 10. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Friday, Feb. 10, at 3 p.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 10-2

FOOSHING Feb. 12. FOOCHOW, SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Buoys on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 7 a.m. Tender from Customs Jetty 9 p.m. Saturday. For freight apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 11-2

LEESANG Feb. 12. HSINGWHA and SWATOW.—Sails from Buoys 21-22 on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 5 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 12-2

LIANGCHOW Feb. 12. CHUANCHOW. — From French Bund on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 8 a.m. For freight apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 11-2

TAISANG Feb. 12. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, HAIPHONG and HOIHOW.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 8 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accoomodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 11-2

TINGSANG Feb. 12. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 6 a.m. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 11-2

HANGSANG Feb. 14. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Tuesday, February 14. For freight apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 14-2

KAYING Feb. 14. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, HOIHOW, PAKHOI and HAIPHONG.—From French Bund on Tuesday, Feb. 14, at 10 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund. 14-2

HSIN PEKING Feb. 15. NINGPO DIRECT.—From French Bund on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 7 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 14-2

TSINAN Feb. 15. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at 7 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 14-2

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MINGSANG Feb. 16. SWATOW, HONGKONG, KWONGCHOWWAN, HAIPHONG and PAKHOI.—Sails from Roosevelt Terminal Wharf on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 8 a.m. "A" and "B" Saloon Accommodation. For freight and passage apply Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. Tel. 15290. 15-2

YOCHOW Feb. 16. SWATOW and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 9 a.m. For freight and passage apply to Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 16-2

JAPAN

COBURG Feb. 13. KOBE and YOKOHAMA.—For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., General Agents, N.D.L. 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 13-2

STRAITS AND EUROPE

GLENGARRY Feb. 11. CASABLANCA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and ANTWERP via HONGKONG and STRAITS.—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents, Glen Line Ltd. Tel. 15290. 11-2

ELBE Feb 12. ADEN, PORT SUDAN, MALTA, MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, DUNKIRK, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and BREMEN via SINGAPORE, BELAWAN and PORT SAID.—For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., general agents, N.D.L., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 12-2

LEVERKUSEN Feb. 13. GENOA, ROTTERDAM and HAMBURG via PORTS.—(Captain A Bretschneider), on or about February 13, 1939. For freight and passage please apply to Hamburg-Amerika Linie, Filiale Shanghai, 20 Canton Road. Tel. 18709. 13-2

ATHOS II Feb. 14. MARSEILLES via HONGKONG SAIGON, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, DJIBOUTI, SUEZ and PORT SAID.—Messageries Maritimes, 9 Avenue Edward VII. Tel. 82034. 14-2

RANCHI Feb. 14. MARSEILLES and LONDON via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, COCHIN, ADEN, PORT SUDAN, SUEZ, PORT SAID and MALTA.—Last tender leaves Customs Jetty 11.30 a.m. Tuesday, February 14. Hand packages only accepted by the Tender. Heavy Baggage received into Lighter at Customs Jetty between 2 and 3 p.m. on Monday, February 13, Customs Permit required for any railed cases. For Freight and Passage Apply to:—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 14-2

TITAN Feb. 14 HAVRE, LIVERPOOL and BROMBOROUGH.—For freight apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 14-2

DEUCALION Feb. 18. MARSEILLES, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and GLASGOW. For freight and passage apply Agents, Butterfield & Swire, 21 French Bund. Tel. 82020. 18-2

TARN Feb. 19. CASABLANCA, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and OSLO via HONGKONG, SINGAPORE and PORT SAID.—Motorvessel Tarn of the Wilhelmsen Lines will be despatched from Shanghai on or about February 19, for the above-mentioned ports. Through Bills of Lading issued for all Scandinavian and Baltic ports. For freight or passage please apply to Dodwell and Company, Ltd., 17 Canton Road. Tel. 11366. 19-2

CONTE B'CAMANO NAPLES and GENOA via HONG-Feb. 23. KONG, MANILA, SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, PORT SAID.—Lloyd Triestino, 26 The Bund. Tel. 16865. 23-2

MIN Feb. 25. ORAN, CASABLANCA, HAVRE, ANTWERP, DUNKIRK via ADEN and PORT SAID.—For particulars apply to Messageries Maritimes, 9 Avenue Edward VII. Tel. 82034. 25-2

COBURG Feb. 26. ADEN, PORT SUDAN, MARSEILLES, CASABLANCA, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and BREMEN via KOHSICHANG, SINGAPORE, BELAWAN and PORT SAID. For freight and passage apply to Melchers & Co., General Agents, N.D.L., 210-214 Kiukiang Road. Tel. 15566. 26-2

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(Last connecting time from Sub-Offices to Head Office is 19.35 on week days and 19.05 on Sunday).

Date and Destination	Per		Reg.	Ord.
FRIDAY, Feb. 10.				
Japan Korea via Nagasaki	Shanghai M.		*20.00	7.15
Swatow and Hongkong ...	Taiyuan		12.30	13.00
Kwangtung	Taiyuan		12.30	13.00
Ningpo	Mohlenhof		12.30	13.00
H'kow Wuchang Hangyang	Nitto Maru		13.30	14.00
Nantung	Nantung M.		14.30	15.00
H'kong Canton Aust. N.Z.	Glengarry		15.30	16.00
Kiangpei Offices east of Jukao	Liwo		16.30	17.00
Wenchow	Pelikan		18.30	19.00
Wenchow	C. Paolini		19.30	20.00
SATURDAY, Feb. 11.				
Tsingtao and Dairen	Dairen M.		*20.00	7.15
Formosa via Keelung	Hukuken M.		*20.00	7.30
Japan Korea Canada U.S.A. Europe via Pacific	E. of Asia	A	*20.00	8.30
Foochow	Pipina	X	8.30	9.00

TRAVEL AND SHIPPING

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ASAMA MARU ..... Feb. 19
TATUTA MARU ..... Mar. 4

Orient-Seattle Line
via Vancouver
From Kobe
HIYE MARU ..... Feb. 21

Orient-New York Line
via Los Angeles and Panama
*NAKO MARU ..... Feb. 18
NOTO MARU ..... Feb. 27
(*From Kobe)

Japan-Australian Line
via Hongkong and Manila
From Hongkong
KAMO MARU ..... Feb. 26

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*YASUKUNI MARU ..... Feb. 21
KASIMA MARU ..... Mar. 7
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TAIYO MARU ..... Feb. 13
TAIYO MARU ..... Feb. 24

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SHANGHAI MARU ..... Feb. 10

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HAKONE MARU ..... Feb. 14
HUSIMI MARU ..... Feb. 28

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	TITAN	Feb. 14	Havre, Liverpool and Bromborough
B	DEUCALION	Feb. 18	Marseilles, L'don, R'dam, H'burg & G'gow.
A	PATROCLUS	Mar. 4	M'lles, London, R'dam and Glasgow
B	MEMNON	Mar. 18	M'lles, London, R'dam, H'burg, and Glasgow
	CYCLOPS	Mar. 18	for Liverpool and Bromborough

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Vessels due and Sailings to Japan, North China, etc.

		From	Due	Sails	For
B	MEMNON	Liverpool	Feb. 18	Feb. 19	Japan Ports
	CYCLOPS	Liverpool	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Japan Ports
C	STENTOR	New York	Feb. 17	Feb. 18	Japan Ports
C	TYNDAREUS	Pacific Coast	Feb. 23	Feb. 25	Hongkong
A	ANTENOR	Liverpool	Mar. 3	Mar. 4	Taku and Dairen
C	MENTOR	Gdynia	Mar. 4	Mar. 5	Taku and Japan
C	TANTALUS	Liverpool	Mar. 12	Mar. 13	Japan Ports
C	AJAX	Liverpool	Mar. 16	Mar. 17	Japan

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"CHANGTE"	Apr. 18	Apr. 21	May 7
"TAIPING"	May 19	May 22	June 7

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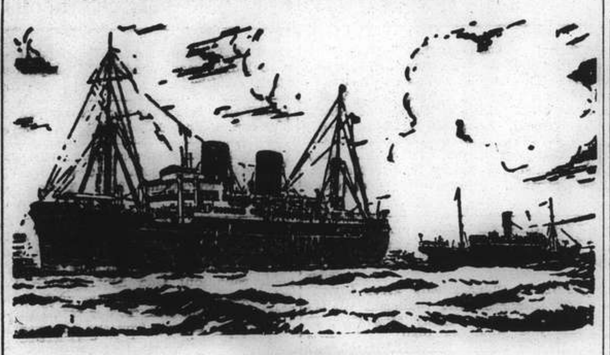

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	28 †RANPURA	17,000
Mar.	14 †RAWALPINDI	17,000
	21‡*BURDWAN	6,100
	28 †CANTON	16,000

	From Shanghai	Tonnage
Apr.	11 †CORFU	15,000
	18‡*SOMALI	7.000
	25 †CHITRAL	15,000

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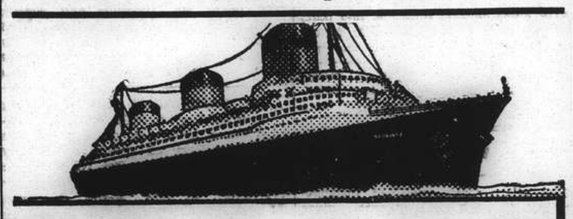

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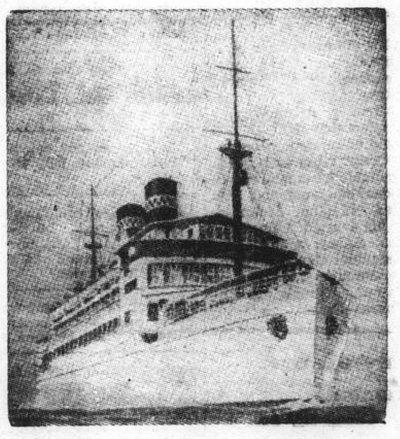

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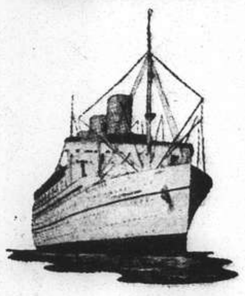

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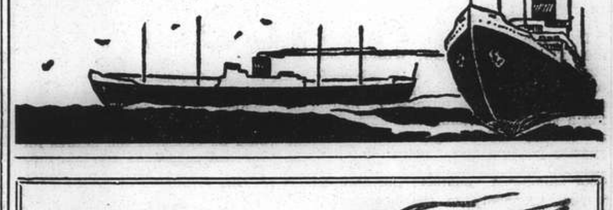

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Romance of the Gas Industry

Despite Early Opposition from the Public It Has Developed Into a World-wide Industry

IN view of the phenomenal increase recorded in the gas consumption in Great Britain during the past year, it is interesting to know that in the very early stages of gas production, the industry met with the most violent opposition from all classes of the population. Posters and pamphlets of an almost libellous nature were circulated in opposition to the proposals to develop the manufacture of gas, and, as in many other connections, it was due to the grim determination of a few individual enthusiasts, that led to the ultimate reversal of opinion, so that nowadays the very descendants of those who originally did their best to thwart the development of the new fuel, are proving themselves to be vigorous supporters of the gas industry.

To give some idea of the growth of the industry, and the innumerable hazards that checked its progress, in the following paragraphs we have sketched the early history of the Gas Light & Coke Company whose early fortunes were wrapped up with those of a Moravian named Winzer, whose stock in trade appears to have consisted almost exclusively of faith, enthusiasm, and the advertising ability which these seem so often to engender.

As early as 1600 a Dutchman Van Helmont found that coal, when suitably treated "did belch forth a wild spirit or breath" which he named "gas". During the next 200 years a number of curious amateurs performed Van Helmont's experiment and imprisoned the "gas" in bladders for the diversion of their friends, but it remained for William Murdock in 1792, to achieve the distinction of being the first to make practical use of the novel luminant to light up his house at Redruth.

First Public Exhibition

Murdock was a moving spirit in the concerns of Boulton & Watt, of Soho, Birmingham, and was engaged on their behalf in installing Watt's condensing engine in various parts of the kingdom. The celebration of the Peace of Amiens in 1802 gave him the opportunity of lighting up the factory at Birmingham as a first public exhibition in England of lighting by gas.

It would appear that Murdock was too busily occupied in the steam engine business to give the time and thought necessary to the development of gas, and his place in the annals of the industry is taken by Winzer. It is known that in 1802 this man was in touch with Le Bon in Paris, and at this time he was evidently mastering, as far as it was then known, the theory and practice of gas production from black coal. Later he interested the Duke of Brunswick in the matter, but finding that his Continental patrons would not produce a financial backing, he crossed over to London, where he gave public exhibitions in 1803 and 1804.

During the next two or three years this extraordinary and ingenious man Winzer, or Winsor as he now called himself, took out a number of patents and by his remarkable gifts for advertising succeeded in interesting a number of people in the possibility of producing gas commercially. As an example of his picturesque eloquence we may quote the following passage:—

"....this docile flame will ply in all forms, submit to instant changes, ascend in columns to the clouds, descend in showers from trees, walls, etc., arise from water, and even in the same pipe with a playing fountain. The constant varying of the flames in rooms and gardens, between flaming pyramids, festoons, garlands, roses, flambeaus, etc., afford to the spectator an extraordinary and most delightful sight; cherish the soul and create a good humour by uniting conveniency, utility and pleasure."

In his publications Winsor estimated that £120,000,000 annually might be saved by "carbonizing instead of burning coal" . . . and that "each share of £50 must yield a yearly interest of £6,000 worth in capital £120,000". In proof of the practicability of his scheme he lit up part of Pall Mall on January 28, 1807.

Strong Opposition

Winsor and his schemes were opposed at this time by practically every section of society—the whale oil and tallow interests having an obvious axe to grind, the leading clergy preaching against gas "as profane and contrary to God's law", and the common people of London itself objecting strongly to the unpleasant smell created by the amateurish efforts at street lighting. This last reaction is well portrayed in a contemporary print which shows the citizens of London holding their noses and protesting volubly against the stench of the new gas.

Charter Granted

In spite however of all these difficulties, in July 1807, Winsor had succeeded in interesting a number of people who were prepared to put up £20,000 for the purpose of lighting a street in London and obtaining a charter of corporation. The charter petition was resisted in Parliament, amongst others by Murdock, who contended against granting a virtual monopoly to the new company, and the bill was subsequently lost in the House. The following year, in 1810 the application was renewed, and finally in 1812 the charter was granted, the capital being restricted to £200,000 in lieu of £1,000,000 originally prayed for. The now incorporated Gas Light & Coke Company held its first meeting at 27 Norfolk Street, Strand on June 24 1812, under the governorship of James Ludovic Grant, who had been prominent in his efforts to obtain the charter.

From the beginning the progress of the company was beset by difficulties due to explosions and faulty machinery, since at every step the company was breaking new ground and making technical history. In December 1813 however, Westminster Bridge was lighted by gas, and in the following year the gas lights replaced oil lamps in the parish of St. Margaret, Westminster.

Winsor's Death

In the meantime, Winsor, the man with the idea, whose faith had been so essential to the launching of the original project, had fallen into disfavour owing to his ignorance of the more practical aspects of gas technology, and in 1815 the payment of his annuity being suspended, he withdrew to Paris to avoid imprisonment for debt, and died there in 1830.

Writers on the history of gas lighting have been severe in their treatment of Winsor's "ignorance and impudence", forgetting that their own existence was rendered possible only by the zeal of a forerunner who, against fearful odds, refused to be silenced. If Winsor blew his own trumpet it is fairly obvious that there was no one else to do it for him, and only by continual blasts was attention to be challenged and held. His unquenchable faith removed mountains from the pathway of progress, and we may at least refrain from stoning the dead prophet.

First Dividend

The company paid no dividend until 1817, and up to this time it is evident that the whole business, as regards generation, distribution, and also payment for the product, was in a state of chaos. In July 1817 however, a dividend of 6 per cent was declared, and twelve months later this was increased to 8 per cent., which was maintained for a number of years. By this time also the public prejudice against gas was beginning to decline, and from this stage onwards, with the assistance of such engineers as Samuel Clegg, George Low and F. J. Evans, the company forged its way ahead, until by 1855 it was firmly established and was ready to embark on the course of continuous and rapid development which has brought it to the proud position it holds at the present day.

Local Company Started

Soon after this date the industry had extended its influence even out to the Far East, for we find that the Shanghai Gas Company was promoted in the year 1862. In 1868 the City of London Gas Act was passed, whereby the Gas Light & Coke Co., the City of London Co., and the Great Central Co., came to a working agreement, reserving their right to a maximum dividend of 10 per cent. and submitting to Government supervision. Simultaneously a further bill received assent for the erection of new works at North Woolwich, in the Essex marshes fronting the river. This we now know as Becton, a perpetual memorial to Simon Adams Beck, the then-Governor of the company.

Gas was first made at Becton in 1870, in which year the Gas Light & Coke Co. amalgamated with the two other concerns previously mentioned, from which date the history of the Company has presented a fairly continuous series of amalgamations with other companies, until in 1937 an area of 546 square miles was served, containing a population of over five million people, the annual coal consumption being nearly three and a half million tons. The total length of mains, exclusive of service pipes to customer's premises, was 6,100 miles, and the regular payroll included 25,000 persons.

Growth of Gas Industry

It is undoubtedly an amazing story that tells of the growth of this industry from its initial haphazard developments to its present colossal importance, and the continuation of the growth of the gas industry is referred to in an Editorial which appeared in the "North China Daily News" of February 2, 1939 in the following words under the title "Britain's Progress."

"But perhaps the most significant of general production figures are those relating to the output of gas in the British Isles. They show an increase of 4,674,000,000 cubic feet for the last twelve months, and the increase since the Great War is over 53 per cent. Industry is taking more gas, and this points not only to the efficiency of this high grade fuel for manufacturing purposes, but to greater activity in trade of all kinds."

As a reflection of local trade conditions in Shanghai it is interesting to note the steady growth in gas production as provided by figures given by the Shanghai Gas Co. showing that in 1900 the sales amounted to 140 million cubic feet, increasing to 470 million cubic feet in 1914 and to 472 million cubic feet in 1919. During the post-War period the growth was steadily on the increase, until in 1936 the sales of gas reached the fine total of 880 million cubic feet, which is an increase of more than 85 per cent on the 1919 figure. As would be expected the figures for the year just completed are less than the years immediately preceding, but the 724 million cubic feet of gas sold in 1938, show that in spite of the severe blow that recently rocked the industry of Shanghai, there is still a lot of business being done.

North China Farmers To Get Loans

Peiping, Feb. 7.

Loans of Y.3,000,000 will be made by the Federal Reserve Bank of China to farmers in North China to help them complete their spring cultivation, officials here announced today. The loans will be granted through farming village co-operative organizations acting as agents.

Interest of eight per cent. will be charged the co-operatives and the latter will collect 10 per cent. interest from the farmers on one-year loans.—Domei.

Chinese Army Enlistment

Chungking, Feb. 7.

All able-bodied members of families of officials of the Chinese Government and the Kuomintang are urged by Gen. Chiang Kai-shek to enlist in the Chinese Army, in order to set an example to the populace.

The appeal is contained in a circular order issued by the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang.

Gen. Chiang Kai-shek states:

"It is the duty of citizens to join the Army and defend their country, but since the enforcement of the conscription system, only peasants have so far enlisted, and very few persons belonging to families of Government and Party officials have responded.

"It is hoped that, hereafter, members of families of Government and Party officials will enlist in the Army, not only to set an example to the populace, but also to increase the strength of resistance."—Reuter.

Arab Delegations Still Disagree

Rifts Due to Personal Feuds; First Parleys With Jewish Group Held

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London, Feb. 8.

Until a late hour this afternoon, no agreement had been reached between the Mufti and the Arab National Defence parties regarding representation in the Palestine Conference.

The meeting arranged for 4 o'clock this afternoon between Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Colonial Secretary, and members of the Arab States and other Arabs, did not take place. Efforts to effect a rapprochement, it is understood, were being continued. The Arab National Defence Party delegates will meet Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister, this evening.

It is interesting to note that the Arab rift is not due to doctrine or differences in policy, but to personal feuds, which have long been the disruptive force in Arab life. This does not make Mr. MacDonald's mediatory mission less difficult. The Mufti delegates contend that both parties have the same objects and aims and that the absence of the National Defence Party section will not prejudice the negotiations.

First Palestine Talks Begin

The first Palestine talks began at St. James's Palace at 10 o'clock tonight between the British and Jewish delegations. The Jewish delegation arrived at the Palace mostly in taxis. It was headed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency, whose statement on the Jewish case was expected to occupy most of tonight's session. His statement, it is believed, will mainly follow the lines of the one which he made before the Palestine Royal Commission in 1936.

Today has been a day of comings and goings between the two Arab parties, the significant feature being that a direct contact has been established between them. The conversations began this morning when Ali Maher Pasha and Fuad Hamsa Bey called on the Nasha Shibi (Arab National Defence Party) delegates and had an hour's talk with them.—Reuter.

Looters' Market Busy In Canton

Japanese Inaugurate New Health Campaign

Canton, Feb. 9.

With the near approach of warm weather, the Japanese authorities have started a health campaign. Free inoculations against typhoid and cholera have been made available to the Chinese public, while an army of coolies has been mobilized to give the streets of the city their first thorough cleaning since the evacuation of the Chinese at the end of October. Boatloads of refuse and dirt are being taken out of the city daily.

It is reported that the Japanese intend shortly to begin the removal of the debris of the thousands of gutted houses in Canton.

Although still unrecognizable from the city of old, conditions in Canton are gradually improving. Supplies of electricity and water are again available in a greater part of the city, while several large Chinese hotels have reopened and are reported to be doing fairly good business.

Several schools have also been opened by the Japanese-fostered Peace Maintenance Commission, but they concentrate mainly on the teaching of the Japanese language.

The Japanese claim that more than 600 students are now attending these schools, which are taught by teachers specially brought from Formosa.

Meanwhile, the only business done in Canton is in the "looters' markets"—so called because the articles on sale are generally believed to have been looted. Anything from a button to a piano can be bought in these markets, which are well patronized by foreigners in search of bargains.—Reuter.

General Surrenders to Japanese

Refuses to Co-operate With Communists

Suiyuan, Feb. 9.

Refusing to co-operate with the Chinese Communists, because of his Catholic convictions, Gen. Li Weiyeh, a divisional commander of the Chinese Nationalist forces, recently surrendered to the Japanese Army with 465 trusted men, it was revealed here today.

Gen. Li and his followers have been incorporated into the Anti-Communist Vigilance Committee of the Federated Autonomous Government of Mongolia.

Before his surrender to the Japanese, Gen. Li executed eight of his staff officers who advocated co-operation with the Communists and weeded out all unreliable elements out of 3,000 men under his command. He then submitted to the Japanese, together with his trusted followers.

Gen. Li was active against the Japanese forces under Gen. Ma Chanshan and Gen. Fu Tso-yi, in charge of the defence of China's northwestern provinces.—Domei.

Anniversary of New Life Movement

Chungking, Feb. 8.

The New Life Movement Association is using the Chinese New Year festival, starting on February 18, for celebration of the Fifth Anniversary of the movement.

In addition to staging athletic contests and theatrical performances, the Chinese public is urged to cancel their usual Chinese New Year festivities, and contribute the funds thus saved to China's war chest.

The programme will last from February 19 to March 5.—Reuter.

Poland Recognizes Burgos "De Facto"

Warsaw, Feb. 7.

Poland gave the Spanish Nationalist Government *de facto* recognition today with the departure of a trade delegation for Burgos to negotiate a commercial agreement. The move was believed preliminary to outright recognition of the Spanish Government headed by Generalissimo Francisco Franco.—United Press.

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